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Tributes paid to man, 72, who died in house fire

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HEARTFELT tributes have been paid to a "kind and funny" pensioner who died when a fire broke out inside the house he had lived in for most of his life.

Terry Kidman, 72, died in the early hours of Friday morning when a fire started inside the living room of his home in New Barns Avenue, Ely.

Firefighters managed to gain access to the house, despite the thick smoke, but Mr Kidman – known among friends and neighbours as "Terry with the hat" – was pronounced dead at the scene.

Yesterday Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service confirmed that the fire was started accidentally, and that the most likely cause was an electric blanket.

Mr Kidman's death has left his neighbours, with whom he was close, shocked and saddened.

Iain McDougall, who lives directly next door to the property, and whose family had to be evacuated when the fire broke out, said: "We're all absolutely gutted."

"Terry was a friendly and



TRAGEDY: Terry Kidman's home in New Barns Avenue, Ely.

kind man. A lot of people thought he was a bit of a recluse but he wasn't.

"He liked his privacy and his own space but would always chat away to his neighbours."

"He lived in the house with his mum, Mabel, and when she died in the early 1980s he just continued to live there. I think he's lived there for at least 40 years."

"I had not long been in bed

when the fire broke out.

"My wife, Heidi, looked out the bedroom window as she heard a loud cracking sound and that's when we saw the smoke coming out of his living room window."

"He lived in mainly the downstairs of the house and spent the majority of his time in the living room."

"He had a wicked sense of humour and it almost feels

like we've lost a family member."

Sarah Bales, who lives opposite the house, said: "Terry was Terry. He could be a bit cantankerous sometimes but he was kind and funny and we all used to have such a giggle."

"He loved his Mercedes, which was left to him in a will, and he enjoyed watching DVDs."

"He was a lovely neighbour and because he didn't have any family I suppose we all just used to look out for him."

"We're all shocked and saddened by what's happened."

The fire broke out at around 12.55am.

A spokesman for the fire service said: "On arrival of the first crew, the police were at the scene and had smashed a window to try to gain access but were unable to get inside due to the smoke."

"Fire crews from Littleport and Ely attended and entered the house."

"They discovered the body of an elderly man in the front room where the fire had started."

"An investigation has concluded that the cause of the fire was accidental."

"The most likely cause was an electric blanket."



A splashing time!

THERE was plenty of messing about on the water at Ely Aquefest on Sunday. Full story and pictures on page 3

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NUMBER 500: David Short celebrates with Victoria Ashdown.

Instructor celebrates 500 passes

A DRIVING instructor has celebrated a major milestone.

David Short, who set up his own Soham-based driving school in 2005, has achieved his 500th test pass.

He celebrated the milestone with the student in question, Victoria Ashdown, also from Soham, who passed her driving test just 24 hours after celebrating her 18th birthday.

As well as getting her pass certificate, Victoria was also presented with a bottle of champagne by David for being number 500.

David, who has spent most of his life working in the motor industry, said: "The best part of the job is the satisfaction gained when a client passes their test and gains the life changing freedom that a full driving licence provides."

Visit www.soham-driving-lessons.co.uk for more information.

Housing plans: decision later

A DECISION on plans to build more than 200 homes in two villages near Ely has been postponed.

East Cambridgeshire District Council's planning committee was due to decide the fate of Gladman Development Ltd's proposals to build 128 new homes in Witchford – and 100 new homes in Haddenham – when members met last Wednesday.

But both sets of plans were temporarily withdrawn before the meeting in order for decisions to be made at a later date.

A spokesman for the council said: "We are currently in discussions with the Planning Inspector who is looking through our Local Plan

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regarding a question he has raised.

"To ensure fairness to developers and to allow members to have all the information they would need to make decisions we felt it was right to defer the applications to a future planning meeting."

The Cheshire-based company submitted the separate proposals earlier this year and both have proven controversial among local residents and councillors.

Residents insist the village of Witchford cannot cope with 128 new homes being built on land off Field End, and in Haddenham, residents

too are concerned about the impact erecting 100 new properties on land south of number 18, Wilburton Road, would have on the village's amenities and roads.

Gladmans, which has also expressed an interest in building 99 homes in nearby Wilburton, says that both developments would involve building 30 per cent affordable housing, as well as new children's play areas and public open space.

The final decision on both applications lies with the district council and will be made by the planning committee at a later date.

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Bishop of Ely is now a 26 Lords Spiritual

THE Bishop of Ely has been officially introduced into the House of Lords.

The Rt Revd Stephen Conway was introduced on Monday and now takes his place as one of the 26 Lords Spiritual.

Bishop Stephen said: "I make sense of this call as I hope to speak not just for the church, but as a spokesperson for the concerns of citizens of our region. I have a particular passion to speak about education, mental health and disability." Lords Spiritual play an active role in the work of the Upper House.

Help is at hand at Ely Library event

A DROP-IN event for adults living with a long-term illness or disability is being held at Ely Library.

The session, which is being held from 10am-12pm on Thursday, July 17, will also provide free and confidential advice to older people struggling with an age-related condition, and anyone providing unpaid support to adult family members or friends.

Adult social care staff from Disability Services and the county council's carers support team will be present.



MAKING A SPLASH: The highlight of Aquafest, as ever, was the annual raft race, which had a cycling theme this year. Thousands of families attended the festival in Ely's Riverside on Sunday.



Lots more pictures online at ely-news.co.uk



Splashing out at Ely's 36th annual Aquafest

THOUSANDS of families had fun in the sunshine as Ely celebrated its 36th annual Aquafest on Sunday.

As ever, the highlight of the free festival was the raft race, which saw dozens of teams battling it out on the River Great Ouse in elaborately decorated rafts.

The theme of this year's raft race was cycling and revellers lined the riverbanks to cheer the teams on.

But there was also a host of fun for the whole family in Ely's Riverside, Jubilee Gardens and Lavender Green throughout the day, including fairground rides, stalls, family games, live music, performances by local dance groups and musicians, arts and crafts, a beer tent and plenty of food to go around.

There was also a free dog microchipping service, of which pet owners galore took

advantage, and Ely Hereward Rotary Club organised a quirky tent set-up race for youth groups to take part in.

Aquafest, which first started in 1978, is organised by Ely's Rotary clubs to raise money for local good causes.

Ely's mayor Lis Every said: "What a fantastic day it was – the crowds were huge, the weather was great and I think it was one of the best Aquafests I've attended."

Work starts at Fore Mill Wash

WORK on creating a multi-million pound new Cambridge University boat-house in Ely is due to start this week.

Although the actual building of the new state-of-the-art boathouse at Fore Mill Wash, beside the River Great Ouse, will not start until early next year, the groundworks are now getting under way.

Ewan Pearson, chairman of Project Ely, the name given to the development, said: "Groundworks will be starting this week so people will notice

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a lot of activity at the site.

"The first thing we will be doing is creating the wildlife lagoon, which is one of the conditions of our planning consent.

"Physical building work will not start until early 2015, although there is a lot of digging and groundwork to be done."

The university's boat club, women's boat club and lightweight rowing club secured

planning permission to build the boathouse in May last year.

But with the proposals attracting much criticism from residents and wildlife groups, mainly over the feared impact the development could have on the natural environment, planners agreed only to approve the application subject to conditions – of which there are 29 in total. The main factor behind the conditions is Fore Mill Wash lies between two of Ely's sites of special scientific interest.

Drugs found during police raid at homeless shelter in Ely

DRUGS were found at a homeless shelter for young people during a police raid.

Officers swooped on the Ely Young Peoples Service in Wheatshaf Close, off St Johns

Road, Ely, at around 6.45am last Wednesday.

A spokesman for Cambridgeshire Police said that the raid was organised following "intelligence that

officers received".

Four young people were street bailed for being in possession of cannabis and one young person was arrested on suspicion of possession of a

Class B drug, believed to be mephedrone, with intent to supply, and was later bailed.

The Ely Young Peoples Service is a homeless shelter for people aged 16-25.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Car fire believed to be deliberate

A CAR fire which broke out in Soham is believed to have been started deliberately. Firefighters were called to the blaze on Qua Fen Common at about 4.10am on Tuesday. Anyone with information should call police on 101.

Plans for new flats in Littleport

TWO new flats could be built in Littleport. King's Lynn-based firm Wilson and Betts has applied to East Cambridgeshire District Council to build two two-bedroom flats at Granby Court in Granby Street. To have your say, visit www.eastcambs.gov.uk.

Broad Street fire was accidental

A FIRE broke out in a garden in Ely's Broad Street on Sunday. Two crews were called to the blaze at about 6.10pm and the cause was confirmed as accidental.

Outbuildings could be demolished

A GARAGE and shed could be demolished to make way for a new home. Christine Wilson, of Station Road, Littleport, wants to demolish the outbuildings at her home and build a new three-bedroom dwelling in their place. Plans have been submitted to East Cambridgeshire District Council. Visit www.eastcambs.gov.uk to have your say.

Air ambulance called to help man

THE air ambulance was called to a house between Stretham and Ely on Sunday to assist a man in his 50s suffering from severe chest pain. Emergency services attended just before 2pm and he was taken to Addenbrooke's by land ambulance in a "stable condition".



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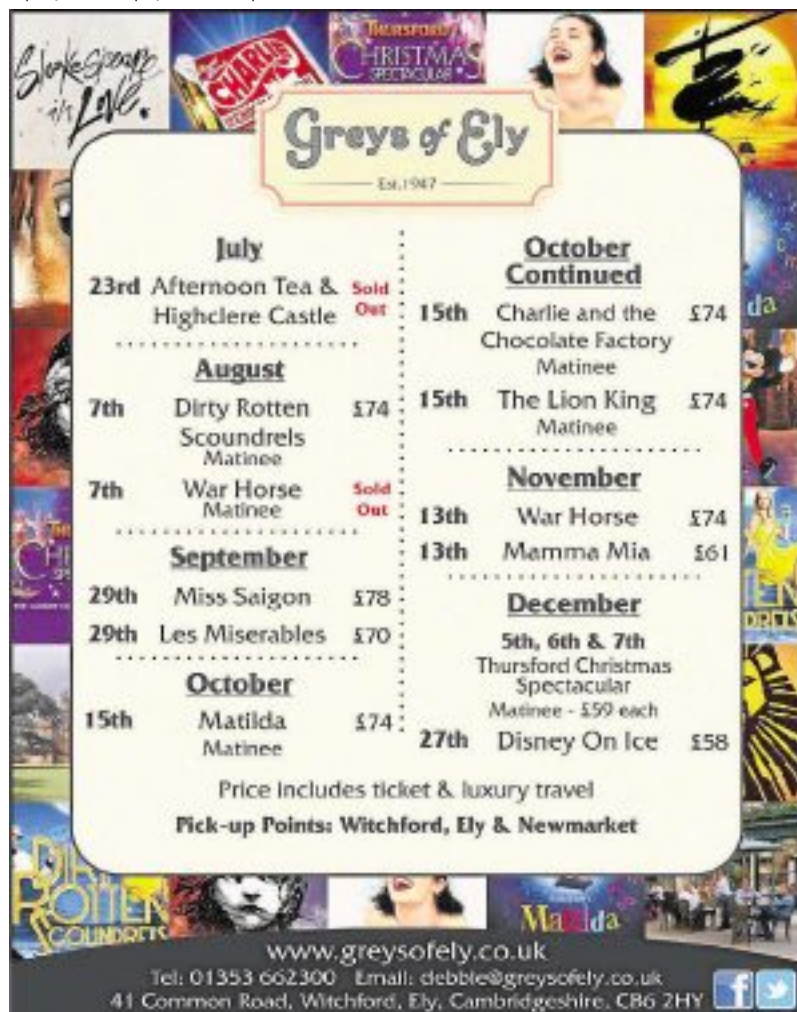
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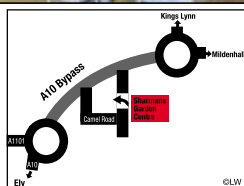
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Joe scoops Apprentice of the Year

A TALENTED apprentice has scooped a prestigious award.

Joe Steggle, an apprentice at Chettisham Garage and Geoff Glover Van Sales, has been crowned Cambridge Regional College's (CRC) Apprentice of the Year.

Joe, 18, who lives in Witchford and is a former Witchford Village College student, is half way through a four-year workshop technician apprenticeship at the business, which has been run by Geoff Glover since 1959.

Mr Glover said: "We're all really proud of Joe, but we're certainly not surprised."

"He's very talented and will go far in the industry."

The apprenticeship scheme sees Joe attending CRC one day a week, and working at the garage for the rest.

For information about CRC apprenticeships, call (01223) 418200.

TOP Prize: For Joe Steggle, 18, from Witchford.

Heritage centre to be launched

A NEW heritage centre is opening its doors in Littleport next weekend.

Work on transforming the former JH Adams and Sons ironmongers, in Main Street, into the 'Adams Heritage Centre Littleport' has been gathering pace in recent months.

The board of trustees formed to oversee the revamp, have announced a special open weekend is being held on Saturday and Sunday, July 19 and 20.

Deborah Curtis, one of the trustees, said: "The centre will be Littleport's principal venue for exhibitions and displays, which will highlight all aspects of our village's history."

"Residents and visitors can also look forward to various

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exciting events featuring a range of fascinating Fenland history and heritage subjects.

"The premises will also be an information point for local and regional events of interest and there will be a wide range of local interest books for sale, as well as exhibitions and sales of Fenland arts and crafts."

JH Adams and Sons closed its doors in 2010 after being in Littleport for more than 100 years.

Not long after it shut the Family Adams Project was then launched to catalogue, record and archive the history of the premises and its owners.

The project's creator was Jean Rees and after months of

research involving members of the whole community, a community archive and scale model of the shop was produced, both of which will take pride of place in the heritage centre.

The landmark premises were donated by local benefactor, Peter Audus, who has also carried out major renovations to its interior.

The renovations revealed all the original fixtures and fittings in all their timeless glory, including the Victorian mahogany counter, shelves and a beautiful staircase.

The open weekend is running from 10am-4pm on both days.

For more information about the project, search 'Adams Heritage Centre Littleport' on Facebook.

Thousands to flock to Ely for Folk Festival

ELY Folk Festival 2014 kicks off tomorrow.

Thousands of people will be flocking to the roots-friendly extravaganza at the Ely Outdoor Centre, in Downham Road, from Friday through to Sunday.

Just some of the acts headlining this year's festival, which is now in its 29th year,

include international singing star Eddi Reader, Scottish band Breabach, acclaimed singer-songwriter Steve Knightley, Martyn Joseph, The Carrivick Sisters, Vin Garbutt and Blackbeard's Tea Party.

There will also be workshops and ceilidhs, children's entertainment, music ses-

sions, a real ale bar, craft and food stalls and Morris dancing throughout the weekend. The annual Morris dancing procession is being held in Ely city centre on Saturday morning.

To see if festival tickets, for which under 10s get in free of charge, are still available, visit www.elyfolkfestival.co.uk.



ENJOYING THE EVENT:
David Warren, Anya
Warren, 13, and
Sandra Hoskins.

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ON THE DRUMS: Right: Tom Kay, 11, performing at the festival. Above right: Belly dancers entertain.



Festival is marred as vandals slash marquee

SOHAM Beer and Music Festival was marred when vandals slashed a marquee.

Hundreds of families flocked to the annual event at the town's pavilion, and on the recreation ground, on Friday and Saturday.

As ever, the festival was organised by the Soham

Staploe Rotary Club and this year's main beneficiary was the Liam Fairhurst Foundation – the charity set up in memory of the Soham teenager.

The two-day festival included an action-packed programme of live music, as well as a charity auction

hosted by TV auctioneer David Palmer.

But organisers, and in particular the 2nd Soham Scouts group, were left "gutted" when the marquee erected for the musicians to perform in was vandalised.

John Gilbey, a 2nd Soham Scouts committee member,

who helped to erect the marquee on Friday afternoon, said: "The marquee was vandalised overnight on Friday. We returned to the recreation ground at around 10am on Saturday to discover the roof and three of the sides had been deliberately slashed with a

sharp instrument, possibly a knife.

"We're absolutely gutted. We provide the marquee for free as the festival is all for charity. We don't even know if the marquee is repairable yet – it's in such a state."

Anyone with information should call police on 101.

Pubwatch bans 15 troublemakers

ELY Pubwatch – the scheme designed to make the city's night-time economy safer and more enjoyable – has been toughened up.

The initiative has recently been re-launched, and as a result, more troublemakers are being banned from not only the pub they have caused a nuisance in, but all other membership venues.

Rick Pridmore, its chairman, is now urging all the city's pubs and bars to sign up to the scheme.

He said: "The re-launch has seen us tightening up the safety and security of Ely's nightlife."

"We are taking a zero-tolerance approach to trouble-causers and are collectively discussing issues, taking action and making decisions as a group to properly regulate the safety of all the premises on the scheme."

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"In the last three months, the scheme has banned approximately 15 offenders who have breached the terms and conditions. A ban from one venue constitutes a ban from all which are on the scheme."

"These include a range of offences committed inside or outside a licensed premises, from drunk and disorderly, threatening behaviour, violence to customers or staff and criminal damage, to dealing and administering drugs."

"The message is now getting out there that we are taking a no-nonsense approach."

Pubwatch is supported by the police, Ely's CCTV operators and the councils.

Mr Pridmore said: "Our aim is to ensure a safe night-

life for Ely, and most importantly to deter and proactively deal with the small minority of people who disrupt it."

"The banning figures will continue to rise if the offenders continue to create havoc and spoil everyone's night out."

"We are making a difference and progress is evident in terms of results."

"Incidents are reported regularly and as long as we are enforcing the rules, the number of incidents will drop. This will make offenders think twice as they will have no where else to drink locally – as well as running the risk of being arrested."

To get involved with Ely Pubwatch, call Mr Pridmore on (01353) 662733.

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Folk musician Jenna Witts to perform in Ely

TALENTED folk musician Jenna Witts is coming to Ely.

The 25-year-old singer-songwriter, whose songs are inspired by the sea and love, is performing at Ely Folk Club's gig at the Old Dispensary, in St Mary's Street, on

Wednesday, July 16.

A spokesman for the club said: "Jenna is a free spirit with an effortless natural talent."

"She is an accomplished keyboard player and acoustic guitarist who comes to life on

stage with her infectious laugh, then silences everyone with her startlingly mature voice and elegance."

The concert starts at 8pm and tickets are £8 in advance, or £9 on the door. For tickets, call (01353) 740999.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Plans for a new bungalow in Ely

AN Ely resident wants to build a new bungalow on land beside his home.

Neil Watson, of Fieldside, has applied to East Cambridgeshire District Council for planning permission to build a two-bedroom bungalow adjacent to his existing property. A decision is expected within eight weeks.

To have your say, visit www.eastcambs.gov.uk.

Explore artists' homes this month

REMEMBER artists across East Cambridgeshire are taking part in Cambridge Open Studios this month.

Artists' homes and studios will be open to the public every Saturday and Sunday throughout July, from 11am-6pm each day. For more information, pick up a programme from the Ely News offices in Market Place or visit www.camopenstudios.co.uk.

New property for Downham Road

A NEW property could be built in Ely's Downham Road.

Mr and Mrs C Bisset want to build a detached bungalow and garage on land at the rear of numbers 63-65. A planning application has been submitted to East Cambridgeshire District Council and a decision could be made within eight weeks. To view the plans, go to www.eastcambs.gov.uk.

Amnesty International's £2k boost

AMNESTY International is around £2,000 better off thanks to a jazz concert in Ely.

More than 200 people attended the Old Fire Engine House last month to see the Ronnie Scott's All Stars perform in its gardens.

The event was organised by the Ely Amnesty International Group and plans are already under way for next summer's concert.



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Wider choice of shops needed

I COULDN'T agree more with Tracy Knightley's letter in last week's *Ely News*. Quite frankly, Ely is a dire place to shop.

All we have is cafes, restaurants, charity shops, antique shops and cheap, run-of-the-mill stores, which you can find in any town in the UK.

Yes, the majority of the tearooms and eateries are lovely, and indeed we should be proud of them, but we NEED more shops and, in particular, more clothes shops.

Personally, I would love to see a Next, a Debenhams or a Marks and Spencer here. I believe either would be well supported as they would cater for women and men, as well as children.

I pop into Ely to buy groceries and for appointments but I wouldn't dream of spending the day shopping here – purely because there isn't enough choice.

Go just a few miles down the road to Cambridge, Bury St Edmunds or King's Lynn and there are the majority of the big name stores. It means you can spend the whole day shopping in these towns/cities, as well as enjoying lunch.

It's about time the big boys came to Ely, but the sad fact of the matter is that the landlords and the councils do nothing to entice them.

Jenny Childs
Beresford Road
Ely

What was he thinking?

I HAD to pinch myself when I read your front page article about the naughty postman in last week's *Ely News*. A postman allegedly caught defecating in Henley Way, Ely? What on earth was he thinking?

Postmen and women are out and about all day so finding somewhere to go to the toilet must be common practice for them – I'd like to think that public toilets would be the obvious choice? There are certainly plenty of them around.

I would be horrified if I looked out my window and saw someone defecating so if the postman is found guilty I certainly hope Royal Mail will do the responsible thing and sack him.

A shocked resident
Wisbech Road
Littleport

What choice did he have?

I DON'T agree with the postman using the shrubbery in a built up area in his time of need, but it must be difficult if you're desperate to go and there are no public toilets anywhere near you.

Royal Mail should invest in some red porta-loos and place them around the outskirts of the city so their workers can use them; or a cheaper option could be they carry disposable poo bags!

Name and address supplied

It's time to apply the brakes

JAMES Paice wishes he had the information about potential food shortages when he was a minister.

It took a meeting of various big wigs in the industry for the message to get through. This is a clear indication of how our political classes and many members of the public, will not listen to those of us who actually apply common sense to work out that the higher the population, the higher the need for food production.

I have raised my concerns with him and Richard Benyon, their predecessors and in letters published in your newspaper. Yet more time is to be wasted on research, you couldn't make it up.

It is not only the shameful abuse of farm land for solar power (and the waste of £230k of our money by Cambs County Council on this without even having planning permission), but also the thousands of acres going under concrete in order to accommodate the massive population increase in England vs rest of the UK.

Interesting that this is not mentioned. When will somebody in authority stand up to be counted and put an end to this madness? We have the highest rate of immigration in the EU

National showcase for young interior designer



CREATIVE FLAIR: Abbi Pitt, 24, from Sutton, runs her own online interior design Sutton.

INTERIOR designer Abbi Pitt is enjoying a taste of national fame.

Abbi, 24, helped to produce the latest issue of *Style at Home* magazine and her work is now being showcased in thousands of homes across the UK.

Abbi runs her own online interiors company, *Shabby Abbi's Boutique*, and shares her thoughts on the interiors projects featured in this month's issue of the magazine, which hit the shelves last week. Jennifer Morgan, its editor,

said: "We saw that Abbi had a real flair for interiors and she was a fantastic addition to the *Style at Home* team." Abbi lives in Sutton with her mum and sister. For information, search 'Shabby Abbi's Boutique' on Facebook.

and the highest birth rate in the Western countries, but God forbid anyone dares to raise this as a serious issue that needs to be constructively addressed.

Our population is higher than that of France which is twice the size of this tiny island. Soham alone is in dire straits, with the infrastructure under unsustainable pressure and arable land disappearing at an impossible rate. Time for the brakes to be applied.

D Donald
Soham

We've reached our target

MAY I, through your Letters page, say thank you to everyone involved with *A Summer Celebration*, an evening of music and dance held at Highfield School, Ely, on Wednesday 2nd July?

Special thanks go to the wonderful singers of the Ely Youth Choir and the Ely Integrated Youth Choir (conducted by Andrew Parnell), and the superb dancers of the Lantern Dance Theatre Company (choreographed by Helen Pettit and organised by Jonathan Rogers). Many thanks, also, to the generous local businesses which donated prizes to the Grand Summer Draw and kind people who bought tickets.

We raised £886 towards the school minibus fund. I'm delighted to announce that with support from the Variety Club, sponsorship from Weston Homes, *A Summer Celebration*, and many previous fundraising events, we have now paid the entire cost of the minibus. Well done to all concerned, and thank you.

Rosalind Grooms
(on behalf of Highfield Friends and Parents Association)

Most of us love the reserve!

IS Geoffrey Woollard ever going to stop bleating on about the negatives of the National Trust's Wicken Fen reserve?

What he forgets is that his views, and in particular when it comes to the reserve, are very much in the minority. Like the thousands of people who visit Wicken Fen every year, I love the place and my children love it too.

We should be grateful that we have such a huge, beautiful nature reserve like it on our doorsteps.

I know the majority of my friends who live in built-up cities would do anything to have it so close.

Not only that, but the amount of family and

children-orientated activities they run, especially during the school breaks, is impressive.

You can find out what's going on at the reserve during the summer holidays by visiting www.nationaltrust.org.uk.

Laura Marshall
Soham

Fen is hugely important

I COULDN'T disagree more with last week's letter regarding Wicken Fen from Geoffrey Woollard.

Whilst a few hundred acres of Fenland may sound like an awful lot, the reality is that it represents a microscopic fraction of The Fen's near-million acres – less than 0.1%. Even when the full "Wicken Vision" is realised in 100 years, it will be less than 1.5%.

To put things in perspective, consider that some 250 acres of Wicken Fen were previously used to grow turf, and that East Cambridgeshire Fens alone have at least 250 acres of dedicated solar farms.

Wicken Fen may not produce food, but it does serve a very important purpose in providing a habitat for countless native endangered species which are otherwise unable to survive in our intensively farmed fenlands.

To call the preservation of this last vestige of natural habitat a "misuse" or "abuse" is sheer small-minded lunacy.

Perhaps we ought also demolish the cathedral to build a shopping centre, and concrete over our parks to make car-parks?

The solution to potential food shortages lies in minimising our country's huge food wastage problem and consuming less, not extinguishing our valuable environmental heritage.

Andrew Cohen
Reads Street
Stretham

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Ice cream for sale as Ally and Lottie hit the road



SWEET SCOOPS: Ally Heasman and her beloved Bedford CF ice cream van Lottie are now available to hire.

A VINTAGE ice cream van has been lovingly restored by a local mum and is now available to hire across the region. Ally Heasman, of Grunty Fen Road, Witchford, has put blood, sweat and tears into giving Lottie, a soft pink and white Bedford CF ice cream van, a new lease of life.

And now Ally and Lottie, who trade under the business name Sweet Ally Scoops, are hitting the road. Ally will be serving local award-winning handmade dairy ice cream, as well as classic '99' cones from the original Carpiagian ice cream machine on board Lottie.

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Speedy broadband roll-out continues

THOUSANDS of homes and businesses in the Ely area are now reaping the benefits of having superfast broadband.

High-speed fibre broadband being rolled out under the Connecting Cambridgeshire programme has now reached more than 11,000 homes and businesses in the district.

More than 40 new green fibre cabinets went live across East Cambridgeshire in the first phase of the roll-out programme to June, with more to follow in forthcoming phases.

Businesses in these areas can now upgrade to faster fibre broadband and also get help to make the most of the latest digital technology, through Connecting Cambridgeshire's Destination Digital business support project.

Cllr Tom Kerby, business champion at East Cambridgeshire District Council, said: "We live in a competitive world where the smallest margins can make the difference between suc-

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cess and failure.

"This is why it is important we utilise all the tools at our disposal to help businesses succeed as we know the arrival of superfast broadband can be the catalyst for growth for many sectors of our economy.

"Perhaps more importantly it allows trade to exist almost anywhere – there is now nothing stopping a high-tech company which would normally have set up in a town or city from coming to an area which was once perceived as rural."

Mark Read, chair of Ely Chamber of Commerce and owner of the Three Pillars Business Park in Sutton, is delighted with the difference the faster speeds are marking. He said: "Wider access and use of the internet by our customers means we are increasingly competing in a national and interna-

tional marketplace so we lose ground if we cannot get a good connection.

"It is a real barrier for businesses in rural areas if they cannot get a good broadband connection. At the chamber we consider the provision of superfast broadband to be a "must-have" along with any other utility one would expect to have access to and certainly prospective tenants at the business park are increasingly asking what speeds they can get."

The aim is that 98 per cent of all premises in East Cambridgeshire will have superfast broadband by the end of 2015.

Small and medium-sized businesses can get free support and 40 per cent grants of up to £4,000 towards digital products and services. Find out more at www.destinationdigital.info.

Residents can find out when they can get faster broadband on the 'my area' pages of the Connecting Cambridgeshire website at www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk.

Wilkinson's staff are now backing Prostate Cancer UK

ELY'S Wilkinson's store has chosen Prostate Cancer UK as its new charity of the year.

Staff and customers at the shop, in The Cloisters, raised more than £3,700 for Cancer Research UK, its former charity of the year.

The team is now planning a year of fundraising activities in aid of Prostate Cancer UK – the leading charity for men

with prostate cancer – and the events have already started with staff cycling more than 100 miles on an exercise bike and organising an in-store carnival.

Jo Walsh, store manager, said: "There are plenty of fundraising ideas in the pipeline and we hope our loyal customers will support them and see us on our way to another amazing total."

Cineworld exhibition – about 340 share views

MORE than 300 people attended an exhibition to cast their eye over plans for Ely's new multiplex Cineworld.

Turnstone Estates Ltd – the firm behind the £15 million proposals – held its first public exhibition at Ely College on July 1.

A spokesman for the firm said that some 340 people turned out for the event. He said: "The overwhelming majority of

people who attended liked the scheme yet a number of great comments were made about how we can look to improve the linkage from the leisure village to Ely under the A10. We will take those views on board as we look to enhance the scheme and submit a planning application in September." To view the plans or to have your say, visit www.elyleisurevillage.com.

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Deaths

BENT Douglas (Doug)

of Littleport, passed away peacefully in Addenbrooke's Hospital on Sunday, 29th June, 2014, aged 86 years. Dearly beloved husband of Audrey, dear dad of Graham and Linda, father-in-law to Chris, devoted grandad to Jessica and friend to Andy. Funeral service at Mintlyn Crematorium, Kings Lynn on Wednesday, 16th July, 2014, at 1.45pm. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, for Cancer Research UK or Littleport District Nurses (cheques made out to Cambridgeshire Mental Health and P.C.T. Charitable Fund) may be left at the service or sent to Ely Funeral Service, 4 Tower Road, Ely, Cambs, CB7 4HW. Tel: 01353 666566.

Deaths

HARDING Brian William

Of Witchford, passed away peacefully on Saturday, 28th June, 2014, aged 76 years. Loving husband of Verna, a loved father of Andrew, Kevin, Emma and a cherished grandfather to Dylan, Oscar, Rhys, Molly and Lewis. Funeral Service to be held at Cambridge City Crematorium, East Chapel, on Monday, 14th July, 2014 at 1.45pm. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, to Parkinson's Disease Society, may be left at the service or sent to Ely Funeral Service, 4 Tower Road, Ely, Cambridgeshire, CB7 4HW.

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Deaths

ROBINSON John (Rip)

Beloved husband of Hilda passed peacefully away at home Saturday 5th July 2014 aged 82 years. Funeral Monday 14th July 2pm at Holy Trinity Church Haddenham, followed by burial. Family flowers only, donations to Cancer Research UK will be gratefully received at the service or C/O A.G. Carter funeral director Haddenham. Thank you to all health providers.

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STUDENT Oscar Stanley made a special entrance to his school prom – by posting himself in a cardboard box.

The 16-year-old donned a maroon dinner jacket and black tie and then wrapped himself inside the huge package.

He stuck a note on the outside saying: 'Special delivery The Prom, Soham Village College' and got a courier to pull him to the school gates on a pallet truck.

Oscar's head of year, Adam Kendal, cautiously signed for the unusual package in front of dozens of pupils waiting at the school entrance.

Beaming Oscar then burst from the box ready for the Year 11 Leavers' Prom last Friday.

He said: "The idea came from the fact I thought it was different."

"I have never seen any one do it and I wanted to show that people do not need fancy cars to get a good reaction."

Mr Kendal said: "It was very funny – I had to sign for it and everything."

"We had tractors taking the students in and a milk float, but I have never seen anything like this before."



SPECIAL DELIVERY: Oscar Stanley in his box

School praised for turn-around

A PRIMARY school has been praised by Government inspectors for making "considerable improvements" in just over a year.

When Ofsted visited the Weatheralls Primary School in Soham last February, assessors called for urgent improvements, in particular to the quality of teaching.

But now the school has been rated as 'good' in all areas and inspectors have hailed head teacher, Chrissy Barclay, for driving up standards.

They said: "The head teacher, together with other leaders and staff, has successfully driven up improvement in teaching and achievement since the previous inspection. Together, they have estab-

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lished high standards in all classrooms.

"The school's senior leaders work together to provide a strong team who are moving the school forward. Recent appointments have strengthened the quality of leadership and confirmed the school's capacity for further improvement."

"The school's own view of its performance is accurate and realistic and it has written detailed action plans to ensure that it continues to improve."

Inspectors also praised the "highly effective" governing body and said teaching is now

"securely good" with some of it "outstanding".

Pupils in turn were highlighted for their good behaviour and attitudes to work.

Mrs Barclay said: "I am absolutely delighted that the energy, hard work and commitment of children, staff and governors have been recognised by Ofsted and would like to thank them all, and our parents and carers, for their support in achieving a grade of 'good with outstanding features'."

"We look forward now to moving ahead with our vision of 'creating an inspiring learning community which gives children the firm foundations and aspirations for a bright future.'"

MP urges people to get travel insurance

DON'T travel abroad without insurance – that's the message from South East Cambridgeshire MP Sir Jim Paice.

Sir Jim is supporting a campaign by the Association of British Travel Agents (ABTA) and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office which is urging all holidaymakers to make sure they are properly covered when travelling abroad.

He said: "Travel insurance should be seen as a travel essential. I urge all my constituents to take out travel insurance this summer."

Event to showcase art and craft talent

TALENTED artists and craftsmen and women from across East Anglia are coming together to exhibit their work in Ely.

The event, entitled the Contemporary Craft and Design Showcase, is being held at the Babylon Gallery, in Waterside, and will feature everything from ceramics to textiles, as well as paintings, jewellery, prints and etches, to name just a few.

The exhibition opens on Saturday and is running until August 31. Call (01353) 616995 or visit www.adec.org.uk.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Theatre group's double whammy

DRACULA Revived is being staged in Wilburton next week. Wilburton Theatre Group is performing the Mick Newbold play at St Peter's Hall as part of a showcase in memory of Viv Samuels, a founder member of the group. There will also be a youth play, *The Exam*, by Andy Hamilton. Performances are being held on Friday and Saturday, July 18 and 19, at 7.30pm on both nights. Tickets are £8 for adults and £6 for concessions. Call (01353) 740321 or visit Wilburton Post Office.

Pea shooting contest in Witcham

THE annual World Pea Shooting Championships are being held in Witcham on Saturday.

As ever, peashooters of all ages and abilities will descend in the village for the annual contest, which celebrates its 44th anniversary this year.

The fun kicks off on the village green at 1pm and there will also be children's games, face painting, stalls and refreshments. Entry on the day is £2 for adults and £1 for children. Call (01353) 778945.

W's cheese and wine evening

ELY City Women's Institute members will be enjoying a cheese and wine evening at their next meeting.

The event is being held at the Old Dispensary, in St Mary's Street, on Monday, July 14 at 7.30pm. Call (01353) 663787 for details.

Art exhibition on at city's library

THE Wednesday adult art class at Ely College are exhibiting their work to the public.

The exhibition is running at Ely Library from Saturday until Saturday, July 26.

Coastline walk in Malcolm's memory



FIGHTING CANCER: Some of the participants on last year's Dorset Walk, which raises funds for the Malcolm Whales Foundation.

DOZENS of students are setting off on an adventure today (Thursday) to help raise much-needed funds for cancer charities.

The Malcolm Whales Foundation was launched by Damien Whales – the assistant principal of Ely College – two years ago in memory of his father.

Malcolm was just 55 years old when he lost his battle with bowel cancer in 2008.

For the last five years, Damien, 35, has been

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organising the Dorset Walk – a 40-mile sponsored walk along the Dorset coastline to raise awareness and funds for the foundation, which supports bowel and children's cancer charities.

In the last five years, the foundation has raised more than £63,000.

This year's Dorset Walk kicks off today and more than 50 pupils and ex-

pupils at Ely College are taking part, as well as around a dozen staff, including Damien of course.

Speaking before the intrepid group left, Damien said: "The walk is an amazing experience – it's great fun but it's also extremely important as it's raising much-needed funds for charity."

"It takes us three days and we camp out overnight. The students love it and I'm

so grateful to everyone who supports it every year, and the foundation as a whole.

"Those of you who have been affected by cancer will understand the cruel and ruthless way in which it does not discriminate between its victims."

It is hoped this year's walk will raise around £15,000. To donate, visit www.justgiving.com/Dorset2014. For information about the charity, visit www.malcolmwhales.co.uk.

Eight more FBU strikes arranged for next week

FIREFIGHTERS will be going on strike every day next week in the ongoing row over pensions.

The Fire Brigades Union (FBU) has called eight more days of strike.

In addition to being on strike today from 10am-7pm, FBU members will be on strike next Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 6-8am and 5-7pm.

Next Friday they will be taking industrial action from 6-8am and 11pm-1am, on Saturday they will be on strike from 11am-1pm and 11pm-1am, on Sunday they will be on strike from 5-7pm and on Monday, July 21 they will again go on strike from 6-8am and 5-7pm.

Deputy Chief Fire Officer, Chris Strickland, said: "These short strike periods will mean providing an emergency service to the residents of Cambridgeshire will be difficult, but we anticipate a similar level of cover to the previous strikes will be available. However the disruption to our day to day work will be substantial. We urge residents to take extra care to help reduce the chances of a fire or road traffic collision happening."

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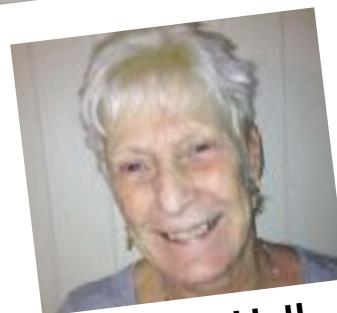


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HELPING HAND: Haddenham Guides raised £570 by packing people's bags

Visit to Belgium is a step closer

HADDENHAM Guides are a step closer to visiting Belgium thanks to generous shoppers.

The group is busy raising funds to help towards their residential trip to Belgium later this year and they recently held a sponsored back packing event at Ely's Sainsbury's. Thanks to kind-hearted shoppers, they raised £570.

Caroline Osborne, group leader, said: "Thank you so much to

Sainsbury's and to the customers for their generosity.

"This has been a huge boost to our fundraising efforts to enable us to visit Belgium and celebrate the centenary of the First World War."

Store manager Karen Watts added: "We always welcome the support of groups such as the Guides and it's great that we have been able to help towards their educational visit to Belgium."

Muslims' new plans: firms still concerned

REVISED plans to create a Muslim community and prayer centre on a business park near Ely are failing to satisfy its objectors.

In January the Ely Muslims applied for planning permission to take over part of the former Aquarius Furniture warehouse on the Chettisham Business Park, in Lynn Road.

Their proposals involved turning a 280 square-metre area inside the warehouse into a meeting point for local Muslim families where they could worship and celebrate religious activities and cultural festivals.

But the scheme, which was proving to be controversial, was withdrawn in April.

The group has now made numerous amendments and re-submitted its plans to East Cambridgeshire District Council – but firms on the business park are still concerned and have lodged formal objections.

Gary Hartwig, managing director of Packwell D & S Limited, said: "The site is not suitable for access by the general public, particularly children, and we believe it would be very dangerous to allow change

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of use as proposed.

"The applicants have not, in our opinion, fully understood or addressed the serious health and safety concerns raised previously."

Sarah Carter, finance director at Holloseal, said: "There isn't any pedestrian access to the park nor anywhere near sufficient parking owned by Aquarius to support potentially 60 people."

"Pedestrians being present at the park would create a significant risk of injury given the constant lorry and forklift activity."

In a statement, Shafr Choudhury, the group's chairman and who lives in Ely, said: "It is acknowledged that the proposed community centre will be located within a busy business park, however it may be argued that this situation is no different to any other location where motor traffic is present. It is not intended that children will roam the business park at will."

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SO COOL: Bedroom with Fantasia fan is optimised for taste

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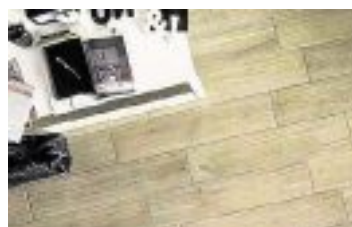
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NEWS IN BRIEF

Flower club meeting is tonight

'THAT'S Entertainment Act II' is the title of tonight's City of Ely Flower Club demonstration.

Jackie Aldous is hosting the event at Ely College at 7.15pm. Non-members are welcome. Call (01353) 661457.

Lunchtime concerts at cathedral

FLORIDA'S Singing Sons Boychoir are performing at Ely Cathedral today.

Exeter Cathedral Choir are also performing inside the cathedral's Lady Chapel on Tuesday, July 15 and on Thursday, July 17, Flamenco guitarist, Samuel Moore, is performing there. All the concerts start at 1.10pm and are free. Call (01353) 667735.

Ballroom dance at the Hiam Club

LES Allitt is hosting a ballroom and sequence dance in Prickwillow on Saturday.

The event is running at the Hiam Sports and Social Club in Putney Hill Road. Call (01353) 688269.

Diary date for antique collectors

THE next antique and art auction at Rowley's in Ely is being held on Saturday (July 12).

As ever, the sale at the auction rooms in Downham Road will start at 10am and viewing will take place from 9am-7pm tomorrow (July 11). Call (01353) 653020.

Chance for little actors to shine!

CHILDREN and young people are being invited to tread the boards in Ely.

PlayRight Youth Theatre are holding auditions for its weekly youth theatre group in the city. The next audition is being held at the Ely Cathedral Centre on Monday, July 14. Call 07794 621055 for information.



LANGUAGE CAFE: The cafe now meets at The Kings Arms in Ely and is seeking more volunteer mentors.

Language cafe needs mentors

A PROJECT which helps foreign residents living in the Ely area feel more at home is seeking more mentors.

The Ely English Language Cafe is going from strength to strength, so much so that it has had to find a new meeting point to cater for the growing number of users.

The cafe, which was set up in 2011 to help foreign people in East Cambs improve their English and to generally fit into the community, is now meeting at The King's Arms, in St Mary's Street, instead of The Hub Tearooms, in Lynn Road.

Bob Handley, one of the volunteers, said: "We've had to change venues as so many people are now using the cafe that we were starting to take over the tearooms. We're also looking for more volunteer mentors to help us cope with the demand."

The project meets every Tuesday and Friday from 10.30am-noon. Call (01353) 666367.

Fenland Lodge: new plan

A FORMER care home could soon be used as living accommodation for farm workers.

Plans to convert the former Fenland Lodge Nursing Home in Stuntney into boarding accommodation have been submitted to East Cambridgeshire District Council.

Mr and Mrs Ratnasinkam, from Burgess Hill, West Sussex, bought the premises, in Soham Road, from European Care Central Ltd last April and in January they applied for planning permission to reno-

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vate it into apartments.

Those proposals were rejected and now they have applied to turn the building into a boarding house for farm workers.

In a statement, their agents said: "My clients have looked at the viability of opening Fenland Lodge as a nursing home but they decided it may have been more viable to convert the home to apartments and

offer them as starter homes. An outline application for this was made but subsequently refused. Whilst considering their options, they have been approached by the neighbouring farmer who is looking to source accommodation for their farm workers.

"This has driven my clients to consider a change of use from nursing home to a boarding house. For this change of use there is no need to make any structural alterations to the building."

In October 2011, the Care Quality Commission issued a formal warning to European Care Central Ltd saying they needed to improve standards of care at the home.

The main issues related to the staff – mainly that the owners had failed to "effectively ensure satisfactory references were in place" – and the home later closed.

The decision on the plans lies with the district council.

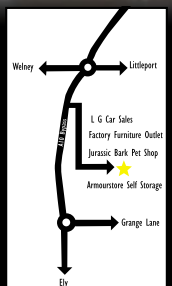
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■ Christopher Phillips – North ward

Cllr Phillips lives in Columbine Road and became a city councillor in 2013. He moved to the city in 2003 after spending many years overseas where he was involved in education and the work of the Anglican Church. He serves on the personnel, finance and governance committee, the recreation and cemetery committee and the communications and PR working group. He also represents the council as a trustee of Ely Museum and is chairman of the Friends of Ely Library. Cllr Phillips says he is keen to see the council develop both the Maltings and the magistrates' court. In his spare time he enjoys music, films, reading and researching family trees.



■ Elaine Griffin-Singh – North ward

Cllr Griffin-Singh, of Forehill, was the Mayor of Ely last year and has been on the city council for seven years. She chairs the youth forum and serves on the personnel, finance and governance committee, the Christmas lights committee and the city centre forum. She also represents the Ely North ward on East Cambridgeshire District Council. Cllr Griffin-Singh, who is married with one daughter, formed the Ely Traders' Association, is an active supporter of the Barns Voice Residents' Committee and with the help of Cllr Rouse, managed to secure the future of the Larkfield Centre. She is a self-employed genealogical probate and asset researcher.



■ Michael Rouse – North ward

Cllr Rouse, of Lynton Close, is a former city mayor and currently serves on the city council's youth and city centre forums. He is the longest serving member of the city council, and also an East Cambridgeshire District Councillor for Ely North and last year was elected on to Cambridgeshire Council for the Ely North and East division. Cllr Rouse was born in Ely and is well-known as an historian and author. He said: "I support the growth agenda for Ely. As the father of four children aged between 15 and 22, I want them to have the chance of getting a job locally and buying a house here, if they want. I also want to see more facilities and shops for all age groups."



■ Joanne Pearson – North ward

Cllr Pearson, of Merivale Way, is chair of the city council's recreation and cemetery committee and serves on the youth forum, CCTV, and communications and PR working party. She first moved to Ely at the age of four and has lived here for nearly all of her life since. She is married with two children and three step-children, and has been a councillor since October last year. Cllr Pearson works as a community fundraising manager for the Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust, which she says forms a large part of her personal interests. She also volunteers as a youth leader at a local youth club and is vice president of a local sports and social club.



■ Alison Arnold – North ward

Cllr Arnold, who lives in Fleetwood, is chair of the city council's environment committee and serves on the Christmas lights committee and the city centre forum. She was born and educated in Ely, has been married for 35 years and has two grown-up children. Cllr Arnold's main interests outside the council are equitation (hunting not being one of them), wildlife, culture and crafts of native Americans, archaeology and arts and crafts; especially up-cycling. She became a councillor three years ago, is the representative on Prickwillow Village Council and a governor at the Lantern School in Ely.

Meet your city councillors

HERE they are.... your city councillors!

The City of Ely Council has come under fire in the pages of the *Ely News* in recent weeks because of the way its members are appointed.

Residents have been calling for new members of the city council to be elected by a public vote instead of being selected via a majority vote from fellow members, which is what currently happens.

The council cannot confirm when an election last took place, but it is thought that there has not been one for around 20 years.

Under section 82 of the Local Government

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Act 1972, the council is only required to hold an election if 10 or more residents request that one takes place. However, it could still choose to hold one regardless.

Ely's mayor, Lis Every, who is also chair of the council, recently spoke out over the controversy and agreed more should be done to "engage with the people".

She said there is a selection process for appointing members on to the authority and

that "nothing is being kept private".

She said: "I want to assure residents that the only reason there hasn't been an election for some time is because there hasn't been the need for one."

"If more people applied to become city councillors and more residents formally asked us to hold an election I'm sure we would."

"A lot of people have accused the city council of being very private and creating some sort of clique but that is 100 per cent not the case."

She added: "I agree we need to do more to engage with the people and to let them know

who we are. We've recently set up a new communications and PR working party to improve both our internal and external communications, so I'd like to think this will help."

We thought it would be beneficial for readers – and in the council's interests – to run a 'Meet your city councillors' feature.

We asked every city councillor to provide us with a picture of themselves, and a little information, so you could find out more about them.

This is what they had to say...



■ Brian Ashton – East ward

Cllr Ashton lives in Vineyard Way and is a former Mayor of Ely. He serves on the city council's personnel committee, finance and governance committee and the asset and acquisitions committee.



■ John Yates – East ward

Cllr Yates, of Ship Lane, is currently the Deputy Mayor of Ely; was mayor in 2011/12 and has been a city councillor for eight years. He has been a member of all the council's committees and groups over the years. Cllr Yates had a career in the NHS and Department of Health spanning 44 years, mostly in planning and procurement of new hospitals and facilities, before he retired in 2006. He is chairman of the trustees and churchwarden of St Peter's Church, Ely; chairman of Cambridgeshire Acre and president of Mepal Outdoor Centre. Married for 44 years to Helen, they have three children and two grandchildren. Cllr Yates is also a Rotarian and is a keen golfer.



■ Lis Every – East ward

Cllr Every, of Barton Road, is the current Mayor of Ely, chair of the city council, an ex-officio member of all the council's committees and groups, and chair of the city centre forum. She is an East Cambridgeshire District Councillor for Ely East and the council representative on Stuntney Village Council and a governor at St John's Community Primary School. She has lived in Ely for over 42 years and is married with two children and two grandchildren. She is still involved in her husband's motor retail business, but has been in education for over 30 years. She chairs the Learning and Skills Sector of the Cambridgeshire Chamber of Commerce and the Ely Choral Society Youth Choir.



■ Ian Lindsay – South ward

Cllr Lindsay, of Station Road, serves on the city council's environment committee and the CCTV group. He is a retired RAF Medical Officer and occupational physician who has lived in Ely for 16 years. His three children all boarded at King's Ely and he was born in Cambridge. Besides his extended family, his main interests are travel, antiques and racket sports. Having served in the armed for 30 years, Cllr Lindsay says he now wants to serve the city that has meant so much to him and his family, and which they all now regard as home.



■ Alison Whelan – South ward

Cllr Whelan, of Kings Avenue, serves on the council's asset and acquisitions committee and the youth forum. She moved from Soham to Ely in 2005 and lives with her partner and three children, one of whom goes to school locally. Cllr Whelan became a city councillor earlier this year. She is employed as an accountant in Cambridgeshire, having previously worked for the International Financial Services Company in London. She says she is interested in seeing the growth of Ely benefiting the whole of the city, particularly ensuring that the youth of Ely are adequately provided for.



■ Jeremy Tyrell – South ward

Cllr Tyrell, who lives in Hillrow Causeway, Haddenham, serves on the city council's recreation and cemetery committee and the city centre forum. He is a chemical engineer, with experience in worldwide petrochemical plant design and construction. He has had a life long interest in boating, diving, scouts, amateur radio and all things mechanical. Cllr Tyrell moved to the Ely area in 2006 and has a significant business base in Ely's Riverside. He says his objectives in the council are to support efficient transfers of duties under the Localism Act, reduce overheads and inefficiencies and instil more business like practices into council affairs.



■ Richard Hobbs – West ward

Cllr Hobbs, of Bernard Street, has been Ely's mayor three times and serves on the Christmas lights committee, the personnel, finance and governance committee, the CCTV group and the Ely/Ribe Association. He is also an East Cambridgeshire District Councillor for Ely East. He is a third generation city councillor and was elected in 1991. Cllr Hobbs is married to Pat and they have two sons and three grandchildren. He is a retired sales executive for an international aggregates company supplying major road constructions. He says he is very much aware of the challenges to control the growth of Ely while maintaining its uniqueness.



■ Nigel Clarke – West ward

Cllr Clarke, of Herons Close, is deputy chairman of the city council's environment committee and currently serves on the asset and acquisitions committee and the CCTV group.

■ Simon Pittock – West ward

Cllr Pittock, of Chapel Street, is the city council's newest and youngest member. He serves on the Christmas lights committee, the city centre forum and the communications and PR working group. Simon moved from Cambridge to Ely in 2006 and is a web designer and software engineer running his own web design company. As director of the City of Ely Perspective group, he has volunteered his time on various projects to improve and promote the city and will be working with other councillors to boost the city council's profile online including use of social media such as Twitter and Facebook. In his spare time, he enjoys the cinema, cooking and travelling and is a roller coaster fanatic.



Great to meet you . . .

IT WAS a busy Saturday morning for councillors at the City of Ely Council offices at their 'drop in'. Councillors were delighted with the numbers who popped in to discuss any issues they had or to take advantage of the guided tours of the courthouse. Many who were visiting the courthouse for the first time were surprised at the history of it all and expressed their support for the council taking it on. They were also interested to listen to the various plans that were outlined for its use which are mainly for our council offices and

the museum for educational visits at the moment. Some put forward a few ideas of their own. The tour was well supported by a new pamphlet put together for the purpose by Tina Barnes of the Ely Museum. This can be purchased from the museum at £2. If others are interested in seeing inside the courthouse, please contact the council offices on 01353 661016 or info@cityofelycouncil.org.uk and we will plan to put more tours in place.

Lis Every
Mayor of Ely & chair of the City of Ely Council

NEWS IN BRIEF

Plans for new homes in Sutton

FOUR new homes could be built in the village of Sutton. East Cambridgeshire District Council has received plans for two detached houses and two semi-detached houses to be built on land off Haddock Rise. The applicant is AKT Builders Ltd and a decision is expected within eight weeks. To have your say, visit www.eastcambs.gov.uk.

RSPCA gala day

A BUMPER fundraising gala day is being held at the Block Fen RSPCA Centre on Sunday. Running at the centre in Block Fen, near Mepal, from 11am-4pm, there will be a fun dog show, bouncy castles, children's games, face painting, craft and gift stalls, raffles and plenty of refreshments. Admission is £2 for adults and free for under-16s and all funds raised will go directly to the animal re-homing centre.

A feast of art...

ARTISTS and craftsmen will be showcasing their work in Haddenham this weekend. A special 'Handmade in Haddenham' event is being held at Haddenham Galleries, in High Street, on both Saturday and Sunday. The event, which includes works by painters, printmakers, ceramicists, wood turners, glass makers and furniture makers, to name just a few, is also running on Saturday and Sunday, July 20 and 21. For more information, call (01353) 749188 or visit www.haddenhamgallery.co.uk.

Kids win prizes!

FORTY King's Ely Junior pupils are celebrating after winning 14 gold, 17 silver and nine bronze medals in the UK Junior Maths Challenge. Over 240,000 pupils from across the UK sat the challenge and in total, 50 Year 7 and 8 students from King's Ely Junior took part. The best two results were obtained by Rachel Foster, who achieved the highest score in Year 7, and Rebecca Garrett, who achieved the best results in Year 8 – and the school as a whole.

Cloudy2Clear Windows – Service With A Smile!

It's been a crazy few months for Cloudy2Clear Windows. The company which specialises in repairing windows which are steamed up, broken or damaged by replacing the panes – not the frames has grown rapidly as homeowners take advantage of their services.

Managing Director Tim Law feels that it's all about service. 'Our product is simple. If your double glazing is misted up we can replace the glass at a fraction of the cost of a new window, in any type of frame, and with a new 5 year guarantee. But it's not just about saving people money, although that obviously helps. Many tradespeople have

struggled since last year and I honestly feel that during the good times a minority perhaps didn't focus on customer care as much as they should have done. We make sure we turn up when we say we will, do the job the customer requires and leave their house as clean as a whistle. I often get comments back from customers on how they really didn't expect that sort of service which, in a way, is very sad for the service industry as a whole.'

Cloudy2Clear service the Cambridge, Ely, Saffron Walden, Haverhill, Royston & Newmarket areas and Tim is finding that his approach is a major factor in his

success. 'The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've done work for, which just

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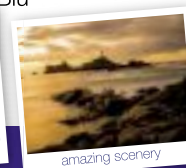
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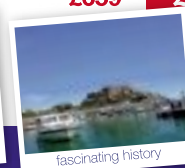
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At this time of year, you might be thinking about where you'd like to go on holiday, or when to hold that barbeque that you've been planning for ages. Few people will be thinking about tax. There is, however, an important date approaching - the last day of this month. For those in self-assessment, with large enough tax liabilities, this is the due date for the second payment on account towards their 2013/14 tax liability.

These payments are based upon your tax liability for the previous tax year, and therefore if your tax liability for 2013/14 is likely to be lower than for 2012/13 (for example if your business profits are lower), then these payments on account may be too high.

Whilst HMRC will eventually repay any amount overpaid, there is little point in giving them the benefit of holding on to your money where it can be avoided. There are two options available - the first is to prepare your tax return before the end of July. This way, the July payment can be automatically adjusted to ensure that no overpayment is made. In some cases, this option might not be possible (for example if information to complete the return won't be available in time). In these cases, it is possible to ask HMRC to reduce the payments, in anticipation of the lower tax liability. This is done using a form SA303 election.

This could give you a bit of extra money at a potentially expensive time of year. Whether it's enough to upgrade that plane ticket to First Class, or just to upgrade the quality of your barbeque sausages, will depend on your circumstances.

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Ghosts in Cinemas screening

HENRIK Ibsen's *Ghosts in Cinemas* is being screened live from London's Trafalgar Studios in Ely tonight (Thursday).

The screening is being held at The Maltings at 7pm and tickets are £13.50, or £12.50 for concessions. Call (01353) 669022.

Calling all vintage vehicle fans!

VINTAGE vehicle enthusiasts will be in their element at the Denny Abbey Farmland Museum on Sunday.

The museum, in Ely Road, Chittering, is holding a family-friendly vintage vehicle day from 10.30am-4.30pm. Admission is £5 for adults, £4 for concessions and £3 for children. Call (01223) 860988.

Free concert in Jubilee Gardens

SAFFRON Walden Town Band will be entertaining the crowds in Ely on Sunday.

They will be performing in Jubilee Gardens at 2.30pm as part of the city council's Summer Riverside Concerts programme. The concert is free.

Chinese tea event in Ely

A CHINESE tea ceremony and tasting event is being held in Ely next week.

Artist and tea expert Chen Xi is hosting the event at Samovar Tea House, in Forehill, on Friday, July 18. It's running from 7pm-9pm and the cost is £10. Call (01353) 662160.

Rave in the Nave tomorrow night

REMEMBER Ely Cathedral's annual Rave in the Nave youth event is being held tomorrow night.

It's for young people aged 12 and over and is running from 7.15pm until midnight.

Parents raise over £8k for Rackham

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AN army of parents have helped to raise more than **£8,000** for their children's school by climbing the highest mountains of England, Scotland and Wales.

A group of 14 intrepid adults whose children all attend Witchford Rackham Primary School decided to take on the Three Peaks Challenge earlier this year.

The troops' aim was to climb 1,344m to the peak of Ben Nevis, 978m to the top of Scafell Pike and then 1,085m to the peak of Mount Snowdon – all within 24 hours.

Despite suffering numerous falls and injuries, the group, who called themselves the Crazy Climbers, successfully completed the challenge in 26 hours 54 minutes.

They also smashed their £6,300 fundraising target for the school by raising a whopping £7,904. And the generosity continued at the school's annual fun



CRAZY CLIMBERS: Some of the members of the group who have raised thousands of pounds for Witchford Rackham Primary School.

day, which saw a further £100 being donated.

The money is being used to replace ageing computer software, which will benefit every pupil.

Headteacher Suzanne Carter said: "I can't praise the Crazy Climbers enough – what they have done for the school is amazing.

"The money is being used to upgrade the software in our rather out-of-date computer suite, which is something not many schools would be able to afford to do all in one go. The entire school community is extremely grateful."

The participants were Lee Woodall, Becca Green,

Richard Barber, Diane Robbins, Philip Brown, Steve Parrish, Craig West, Joe Robbins, Chris Grant, Mat McClagish, Steve Barker, Craig D'Chuna, Lee Coney and Kevin Atkins.

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Seduction, jealousy and violent death...

A FEMME fatale, seduction, jealousy and violent death – these are the essential ingredients of *Carmen* – one of Bizet's most famous compositions.

And the concert version of the opera will provide a dramatic finale to the 2014 Isle of Ely Festival.

Featuring musical favourites such as *The Toreador's Song* and *Habañera*, it is the entrancing story of the wayward gypsy girl and of the men who are beguiled by her.

The story will be told by Ely Choral Society and Ely Youth Choir, conducted by Andrew Parnell, at King's Ely Hayward Theatre on Saturday (July 12).

The choirs will be accompanied by Jonathan Lilley, who is the former assistant director of music at Ely Cathedral, and until last year was also the choral society's accompanist.

The concert starts at 7.30pm and tickets, priced at £15 for adults and £5 for under-18s, are available from Burrows Bookshop in Ely's High Street Passage, by emailing tickets@elychoralsociety.org, or by calling (01353) 649691.

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If life gives you lemons...

BUDDING business owners put their entrepreneurship skills to the test in Ely.

Thirty students from Ely College took part in University College London's (UCL) global Citrus Saturday initiative at the weekend.

It saw them setting up lemonade stands in Ely's Market Place to get experience of setting up their own businesses.

Each team ran their stall as closely to that of a small business as possible, having been provided with seed funding from UCL to buy fruit and materials for the day.

After frenzied selling on Citrus Saturday itself, the participants were then

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allowed to keep their profits.

The teams were supervised by teacher Lucy Beadles and other members of college staff, who as well as supervising on Citrus Saturday ran a series of workshops during their enterprise lessons before the day, teaching the teams everything from basic business management to food hygiene.

The initiative is the brainchild of Timothy Barnes – the director of UCL Advances – after he travelled to a business conference in the US and heard of a similar approach being pio-

neered there to encourage young people to aspire to set up their own businesses.

Citrus Saturday seeks to emulate that approach through a fun, absorbing and – most importantly for the teenagers taking part – financially-rewarding day of setting up a lemonade stand.

The initiative is now in its fourth year and, for the first time, saw young people across the UK and in Mozambique, Spain, France, Germany, Belgium, Ireland, Swaziland and Greece all taking part on the same day.

For more information, visit www.citrusaturday.org.



CHEERS: Lesley Seymour on the Ely Tourist stall

Picture by Richard Patterson

Making sure independents shine!

INDEPENDENT companies from across the Ely area were the stars of the show at a special business event.

Dozens of business owners descended on Ely's Market Place last Friday for the annual Ely Independents' Day.

The event, which was blessed with scorching sunshine, is organised by Ely Chamber of Commerce, East Cambridgeshire District Council and the Ely Traders' Association to showcase the variety of

independently-run businesses in the area.

John Bridge, chief executive of Ely Chamber of Commerce, said: "The event was brilliant and we've had some super feedback. Independents' Day is all about connecting people with people and businesses with businesses, and judging by the response from those who took part, they certainly achieved that."

For information about the chamber, call (01223) 237414.

Top boxer will open clinic's new premises

LOCAL boxing champion Tyler Goodjohn will help formally open new business premises this weekend.

The Sports Injury Clinic has recently moved to Fordham House on the Fordham House estate in Newmarket, and is now benefiting from seven acres of grounds and 4,000 sq ft of treatment, rehabilitation and training facilities, making it the largest clinic of its kind in the region.

Over seven years, the clinic has opened seven clinics across the region, helping more than 8,000 people to recover.

Clinical director Lee Petrucci said: "There are very few injuries that we haven't seen, diagnosed and successfully treated."

The new premises will be opened by the Mayor of Newmarket, Rachel Hood, and Tyler, who is from Haddenham, at an open day on Saturday.

The event is running from 10am-2pm.

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the GUIDE

Chrissie Hynde

More than 35 years after forming The Pretenders, Hynde has gone solo. But, as she tells Andy Welch, it's turned into quite the team effort

■ Latitude, Henham Park, Suffolk, July 16-21. Weekend tickets £195.50 (including camping) from latitudefestival.seetickets.com

WE'RE readying ourselves for East Anglia's artiest music, literary and comedy festival, Latitude, and guess who they've bagged to perform? Only Chrissie Hynde!

"Don't let this exotic Ohio accent fool you, I've lived in the UK for 40 years," says Chrissie by way of introduction.

Despite her time in Britain – she moved here in 1973 after becoming obsessed with the idea of working for music magazine *NME*, which she later did – her American accent is still relatively strong, but underneath that, there's a sarcasm and bite that could only be from British shores. "You think I'm cynical?" she asks.

"Oscar Wilde said the cynic knows the price of everything and the value of nothing. I don't know if that's true about me. But don't get me wrong, I hate everything, so if that makes me a cynic, so be it."

She goes on to detail a normal day in her life. "You want to know about the lifestyle of the rich and famous," she says, mockingly. "Well, where do I start?"

It turns out Hynde spends a lot of her time at the cinema, "normally on my own so I can leave if I'm not enjoying the film and not have an argument". She also dines in her favourite restaurants, again, on her own, so she can read while she eats. "I'm in a book group too, because I like talking about books."

An image springs to mind: Hynde, in customary skin-tight black jeans and vest, jet-black feather cut almost unchanged since the 70s, sitting with a group of middle-aged mums discussing *50 Shades Of Grey* or the latest Jilly Cooper, all blissfully unaware who the lady with the exotic Ohio accent in the corner is.

"No, it's nothing like that," the singer says, herself amused by the idea. "I'm the least famous person in my book group.

Miranda Richardson is in it, and some others who I won't reveal."

Hynde might play the misanthrope, but you'd be hard pushed to find a more entertaining person to hang out with.

It's clearly what drew the producer of her forthcoming album, *Stockholm*, to work with her. The producer in question is Bjorn Yttling, formerly of Peter, Bjorn And John, best known for their whistling ditty *Young Folks*, soundtrack of a million TV adverts.

"I didn't know who he was," says Hynde. "I'd flown to Stockholm to work with him three or four times before the penny dropped and I said, 'Oh, you're the guys from the Homebase ad'."

In The Pretenders – the band she formed in 1978 after drifting in and out of several punk bands – Hynde wrote all the songs. Despite releasing nine albums together, the most recent being 2008's *Break Up The Concrete*, Hynde's debut solo album is actually her most collaborative yet (and there's a grimace when the term 'solo album' is mentioned).

"It's a goddam awful phrase," she spits. "I never wanted to be solo, and I said a thousand times I never would, so it gives me a cold chill to see my name out there on its own."

"This wasn't for something for the public to know, but now it's happened I have to explain myself... I like being in the background, I'm not the show-off that you think I'm going to be," she says, letting her guard down for a second. "I like getting on stage with the band, but that's as far as it goes. It's squirm-making, and I don't think of myself as a singer-songwriter. I offer what I can do, which is to sing and play guitar, and then the band make me look good."

Each of the songs on the album was co-written with Yttling, which was a

new way of working for Hynde. The next 'big name' on the record is even bigger: Neil Young. He's another good friend of Hynde's, one of the many iconic musicians she's supported on tour over the years and subsequently become pals with.

"We had this song on the album [*Down The Wrong Way*] I kept referring to as the Neil Young song, because of the chord progression. It sounded so like Neil Young," she says, explaining how this collaboration came about. "By the time we were recording it, I'd grown to really like messing with Bjorn, so I thought I'd just ring Neil and ask if he'd play on it. I know him, but it's not something I'd normally do. You know, you don't call God and ask him for a favour."

The mercurial Young agreed, and before long, he was in a London recording studio performing his first-ever guest spot on another artist's album. "It couldn't be anyone else playing," says Hynde, still finding it hard to believe he said yes. "He really does sound like the best of Neil in the solo he plays, it's amazing."

Hynde will be performing at Latitude, alongside the likes of Cambridge's very own Clean Bandit, Haim, Damon Albarn and The Black Keys.

"I won't be playing any of the old Pretenders songs," she asserts. "I can understand why there are acts out there playing all their old music, but it doesn't turn me on, not at all. If you're not making records that people want to buy any more, or that even speak for themselves, then play the hits."

"I'd rather do something that feels right, right now. Playing old hits isn't that much fun, unless you haven't done anything for the last 35 years," Hynde concludes. "For me, I've done a lot in the last 35 years, and having fun is everything."

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11.45am, 1.30, 4.45, 7.15, 8.45, 11; Sat

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Transformers: Age Of Extinction 3D (12A):

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Children In The Wind (U): Sat 1

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film of the week

HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON 2 (PG, 102mins)

BASED on the book by Cressida Cowell, the 2010 computer-animated adventure How To Train Your Dragon soared tantalisingly close to perfection.

Chris Sanders and Dean DeBlois' brilliantly executed story of one boy's remarkable friendship with a supposedly fearsome dragon was deeply touching, distinguished by richly detailed visuals and an intelligent script.

The sequel, directed solely by DeBlois, expands the narrative arcs of the characters, testing their mettle in the aftermath of tragedy and conflict.

Boys cross the rubicon to manhood, parents make selfless sacrifices to protect their brood and evil poisons an innocent heart.

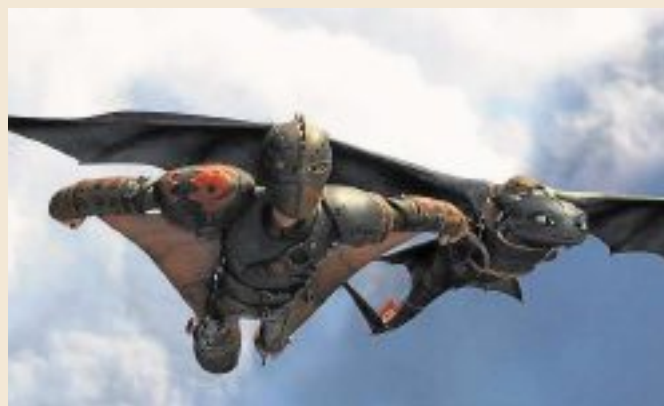
As a wise woman in the film proclaims, "Good dragons under the control of bad people do bad things".

Five years have passed since Hiccup (voiced by Jay Baruchel) befriended Toothless and the inhabitants of the village of Berk now live in harmony with the dragons.

Hiccup's father Stoick the Vast (Gerard Butler) continues to preside over the people.

He hopes Hiccup will accept his destiny as the next tribal chief but the boy prefers to soar through the clouds astride his trusty Night Fury.

During a regular sortie with Toothless, Hiccup stumbles upon a lost world of rescued dragons and a valiant rider



named Valka (Cate Blanchett), who turns out to be a long-lost face from the past.

"It's not every day you find out your mother is some kind of crazy, feral, vigilante dragon lady!" whoops Hiccup.

A tearful family reunion with Stoick is cut short by diabolical dragon hunter Drago Bludvist (Djimon Hounsou), who storms this lost world and takes control of the majestic fire-breathing creatures using a gargantuan Alpha dragon.

World domination beckons and all that stands in Drago's way are Hiccup, Toothless and the boy's plucky friends Astrid (America Ferrara), Fishlegs (Christopher Mintz-Plasse), Snotlout (Jonah Hill) and the twins Ruffnut (Kristen Wiig) and Tuffnut (TJ Miller).

In almost every aspect, *How To Train Your Dragon 2* matches its polished predecessor... except one.

The addition of Oscar winner Blanchett to the vocal fold is a calamitous misjudgement.

From the outset, the Australian actress

is engaged in a futile tug-of-war with her Scottish accent that initially roams the British Isles and eventually strays across the entire Commonwealth.

Her verbal strangulations are horribly distracting and undermine some of the film's most emotionally charged moments of reconciliation and remembrance.

For his part, writer-director DeBlois charts a breathless course between drama, action and comedy, the latter delivered with scenery-chewing gusto by Craig Ferguson as Stoick's best friend Gobber the Belch.

"[Valka's] meatballs could kill more beasts than a battle axe. I still got a few knocking around in here!" he grimaces, pointing to his belly.

Flying sequences deliver a vertiginous thrill, especially in 3D, including a couple of death-defying battles that slalom and swoop at dizzying speed.

Blanchett aside, lightning nearly strikes twice.

Time to be water-wise

WE may have had the warmest spring on record, but last winter was also the wettest, so we are a long way from a drought and hosepipe ban.

However, with experts predicting the dry weather is here to stay, gardeners will be working out ways to save water.

The Royal Horticultural Society offers the following tips to gardeners who want to put the water where it's most needed:

- Established trees and shrubs do not generally need watering as they have such wide-ranging roots that they are drought-proof. However, their growth may be improved by watering when they are under drought stress.
- Trees and shrubs planted less than five years ago have increased water requirements and may suffer drought stress without watering.
- Newly sown or newly planted areas are very vulnerable to water stress, so watering these should be a high priority.
- Herbaceous perennials often need watering to boost their performance in hot, dry spells. Plant choice is crucial if you want to achieve a drought-proof border. Drought-resistant plants include cordyline, hebe, lavender, Verbena bonariensis, eryngium, euphorbia, diascia, cosmos, gazania, nemesia and, of course, pelargoniums. Many drought-tolerant plants have silver or grey-green leaves, their light leaf colour reflecting the harsh rays of the sun.
- The yields and quality of vegetables and fruit are greatly improved by watering at times when drought stress would affect the part of the plant that is gathered. Leafy crops such as lettuce and spinach should never be short of



by Hannah Stephenson

water. Onions require little or no watering. Most other crops need watering at sowing and transplanting time, and then again as the fruits, roots or tubers are developing. It is also a good idea to give a single, thorough watering about two weeks before harvest.

- Lawns require great quantities of water for thorough irrigation, but instead of watering in dry periods, mow less closely and less frequently. Brown patches usually recover when the autumn rains return.
- Mulching with a layer of organic matter or gravel at least 5cm (2in) thick reduces moisture loss from the upper layers of the soil.

Less than 3% of the annual water consumption of an average household is estimated to be from garden use, but at peak times as much as 70% of water supplied may be used in gardens.

Even in dry districts, 24,000 litres (5,280 gallons or 150 water butts) could be collected from the roof each year, says the RHS.

Sean Laverick of the Homebase Garden Academy advises waterwise gardeners to store their water in water butts and invest in

a water butt pump which enables you to use your hose with a water butt.

"Most garden watering should be aimed specifically at the stem bases beneath the foliage canopy, leaving the surrounding soil dry," he says. "This helps to limit weed problems and ensures all the water goes where it is needed."

If you are short of time, invest in seep hoses, which have holes in them to deliver water accurately to established plants and plants in rows. They can be hidden beneath soil or mulch, which also avoids evaporation losses and work best on heavy soil where the water spreads further sideways as it sinks than on lighter soils.

Automated irrigation systems are another option to save time and labour. They feature drip or trickle irrigation systems and some are remotely operated through sensors which can monitor when your soil needs watering.

Mix water storing gel in with the compost in your container plants, to save and store a lot of the water you normally use, the gel slowly releasing water to the roots.

Keep your soil as wet as possible – mulch on the ground surface prevents evaporation from the soil, providing increased moisture retention.

Some lawnmowers now have mulching plugs that return fine grass cuttings back on to the lawn's surface.

Finally, says Sean, don't panic: "Long-term weather predictions should still see summer rain which will allow plants to thrive over the summer, so just make sure you're making the most of the rain that comes your way."

For more information, visit www.rhs.org.uk



puzzles

ACROSS

- Photograph albums (7-5)
- This kind of shooting is pitched too high (5)
- Fish put on ice (5)
- One of the main colours (3-5)
- A man of scruples as far as physics are concerned! (9)
- Speculation that her toy will get broken (6)
- A plank on the ship (6)
- Left to be profligate (9)
- To produce sparks in car components (3)
- Try hard to raise the abode of the blessed almost (5)
- See 9 Across
- His work is seen in daily circulation (9-3)

DOWN

- One of the embassy staff who makes news? (5,7)
- Fortunately the Spenserian maiden is hidden within (3)

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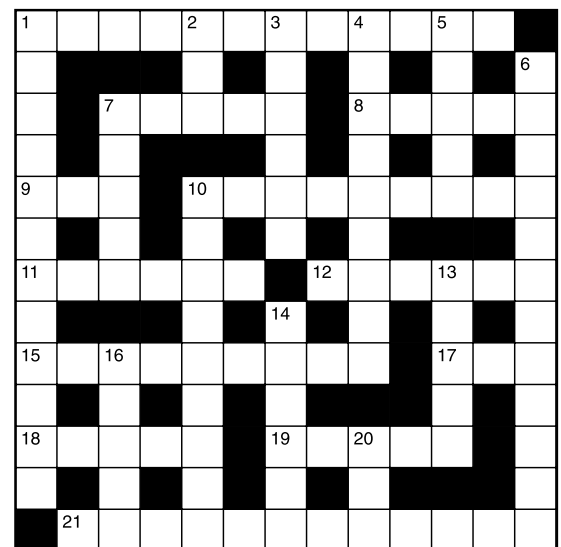
- Reveal an attitude no longer adopted (6)
- Where to find the natives lying! (6-3)
- He wrote of 8 getting cooked (5)
- About the manufacture of goods in the antique style (12)
- See 20 Down
- Such exploits can't be viewed lightly (4,5)
- Repeatedly making a profit (5)
- Game in disorder - it may take some solving (6)
- It has many similar ways to cause astonishment (5)
- Anti-glare device I tint, by the sound of it (8)

Last week's answers: Across: 4 Offside; 8 Odessa; 9 Grating; 10 Madder; 11 Toffee; 12 Lead mine; 18 Talk shop; 20 Dearth; 21 Debtor; 22 William; 23 Desert; 24 Restore. Down: 1 Formula; 2 Headway; 3 Esteem; 5 Foretell; 6 Set off; 7 Dancer; 13 In the air; 14 Chatted; 15 Operate; 16 Cerise; 17 Armlet; 19 Keeper.

sudoku

Last week's answer:

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Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters

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the GUIDE

SATURDAY

weekend television

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 Paul Hollywood's Pies & Puds. 12.00pm Homes Under the Hammer. 1.00 BBC News: Weather. 1.15 Bargain Hunt. 2.00 Live Athletics: Glasgow Grand Prix. Coverage of the Diamond League event. 5.20 Celebrity Mastermind. 5.50 Pointless Celebrities.

6.40 **BBC News:** Regional News; Weather.

7.00 **A Question of Sport: Super Saturday.** With Rebecca Adlington, Anton Du Beke, Gethin Jones and Louise Minchin.

7.40 **The National Lottery: Break the Safe.** Hosted by Nick Knowles.

8.30 **Casualty.** Two people end up in the ED after a carjacking.

9.20 **BBC News:** Weather.

9.40 **FILM: Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl (2003)**

A rogue captain and a blacksmith set sail to rescue a governor's daughter from feared supernatural pirates. Fantasy adventure, starring Johnny Depp; National Lottery Update.

FILM: The Ruins (2008). Horror, starring Jena Malone.

1.15am Weather for the Week Ahead. 1.20 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00am This Is BBC2. 6.35 **FILM: Blood on the Moon (1948).** Western, starring Robert Mitchum. 8.00 **MOTD Kickabout.** 8.30 World Cup Films. 9.45 Coast. 10.05 The Living Planet. 11.00 Fred Dibnah's Industrial Age. 11.30 Great British Railway Journeys. 12.00pm Rick Stein's Spain. 1.00 Live Golf: The Women's British Open. Coverage of the third day at Royal Birkdale Golf Club. 5.00 **Escape to the Country.** 5.45 **Flog It! Trade Secrets.**

6.15 **FILM: Catch Me If You Can (2002).** Fact-based drama, starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Tom Hanks.

8.30 **Dad's Army.** The platoon has to share the church hall with the ARP wardens.

9.00 **The Men Who Made Us Spend.** New series. Jacques Peretti investigates the methods used to persuade people to buy consumer goods, beginning by exploring the importance of limiting the lifespan of products.

10.00 **FILM: The Shipping News (2001).** Drama, starring Kevin Spacey, Julianne Moore and Judi Dench.

11.45 **Golf: Scottish Open.** Highlights from the third round at Royal Aberdeen.

12.45am **FILM: Black Sheep (2006).** Comedy horror, starring Nathan Meister. 2.05 This Is BBC2.

ITV

6.00am CITV. 8.25 ITV News. 8.30 Weekend. 9.25 The Hungry Sailors. 10.25 Murder, She Wrote. 11.20 ITV News and Weather; Weather. 11.30 Storage Hoarders. 12.30pm Dinner Date. 1.30 Peter Andre's 60 Minute Makeover. 2.30 The Nation's Favourite Motown Song. 4.00 Tipping Point. 5.00 **FILM: Scooby-Doo (2002).** Live-action comedy adventure, starring Sarah Michelle Gellar.

6.35 **ITV News Anglia;** Weather.

6.45 **ITV News and Weather.**

7.00 **You've Been Framed!** Comedy with Harry Hill, inspired by viewers' home videos.

7.30 **Tipping Point: Lucky Stars.** Jonathan Ross, Carl Froch and Samantha Womack take part.

8.30 **FIFA World Cup Live 2014.** Matt Smith presents coverage of the third-place play-off (Kick-off 9.00pm), which is staged at the Estádio Nacional in Brasília, Brazil. In the event of extra-time and penalties, subsequent programmes are subject to change.

11.15 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.

11.30 **FILM: Balls of Fury (2007).** Spy comedy, starring Dan Fogler.

1.05am **Jackpot247.** 3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. 3.40 ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.05am The Hoobs. 6.30 Trans World Sport. 7.30 FIM World Superbike Championship. 7.55 The Morning Line. 9.00 Weekend Kitchen. 10.00 Frasier. 11.00 The Big Bang Theory. 11.55 The Simpsons. 12.30pm The Tomorrow People. 1.20 Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Newmarket, York and Ascot. 4.10 **Come Dine with Me.**

6.45 **Channel 4 News.**

7.05 **The Restoration Man.** Revisiting a Grade I-listed medieval hall conversion project in Cardiff.

8.00 **Grand Designs.** Kevin McCloud meets two artists who are battling the elements to construct a modern home on the Isle of Skye, with a second building alongside to use as their art studio.

9.00 **FILM: Knight and Day (2010).** A woman gets kidnapped and dragged into a rogue secret agent's mission to clear his name after he is framed as a traitor. Comedy adventure, starring Tom Cruise and Cameron Diaz.

11.15 **The IT Crowd.** Jen goes on a date.

12.55am **FILM: Rushmore (1998).** Comedy drama, starring Jason Schwartzman. 2.30 **Hoyleaks.** 4.40 **Deal or No Deal.** 5.35 **Kirstie's Vintage Gems.** 5.40 The Hoobs.

CHANNEL 5

6.00am Milkshake! 10.00 Access. 10.05 Meerkat Manor. 10.30 The Dog Rescuers with Alan Davies. 11.30 Big Brother: Eviction. 12.55pm NCIS. 3.40 **FILM: Pork Chop Hill (1959).** Korean War drama, starring Gregory Peck. 5.40 **FILM: Fighter Attack (1953).** Second World War drama, starring Sterling Hayden.

7.00 **Cricket on 5.** England v India. Mark Nicholas presents highlights.

7.55 **5 News.**

8.00 **MH370: The Flight That Vanished.** The fate of Malaysia Airlines Flight 370.

9.00 **Big Brother.** Catching up with the contestants as they react to Friday night's live eviction, revealing how another departure has affected the house.

10.00 **The Trial of Gillian Taylor.** Dramatic reconstruction of the actress's 1994 libel case against the Sun newspaper.

11.00 **Benefits Britain: Life on the Dole.** People living on state welfare in Hull.

12.00am **Big Brother's Bit on the Psych.** 1.00 SuperCasino. 3.10 Skyscraper: London's Cheese grater. 4.00 House Doctor. 4.25 Make It Big. 4.50 The Funky Valley Show. 5.00 Angels of Jarm. 5.10 Roary the Racing Car. 5.20 Angels of Jarm. 5.30 The Funky Valley Show. 5.40 Roary the Racing Car.



Casualty, Saturday, BBC1, 8.30pm



The Men Who Made Us Spend, Saturday, BBC2, 9pm



Match of the Day Live, Sunday, BBC1, 7pm



Countryfile, Sunday, BBC1, 6pm

SUNDAY

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast. 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 Sunday Morning Live. 11.00 Sunday Politics. 12.15pm Bargain Hunt. 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.15 Alan Hansen: Player and Pundit. 2.15 Homes Under the Hammer. 3.15 Wanted Down Under. 4.00 Escape to the Country. 5.00 Songs of Praise. 5.35 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

6.00 **Countryfile.**

7.00 **Match of the Day Live.** Coverage of the final at the Estádio do Maracana in Rio de Janeiro (Kick-off 8.00pm), where the successors to 2010 champions Spain are crowned. In the event of extra-time and penalties, subsequent programmes are subject to change.

10.30 **BBC News:** Regional News; Weather.

10.55 **Live at the Apollo.** With Greg Davies, Hal Crutten and Simon Evans.

11.25 **FILM: Man of the Year (2006).** A talk-show host is elected president, but faces a moral dilemma when he learns his victory was caused by a computer error. Comedy, with Robin Williams and Christopher Walken.

1.15am Weather for the Week Ahead. 1.20 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00am This Is BBC2. 6.20 **FILM: Tender Comrade (1943).** Drama, starring Ginger Rogers. 8.00 Monty Don's French Gardens. 9.00 Gardeners' World. 9.30 The Beechgrove Garden. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. 11.30 Paul Hollywood's Pies & Puds. 12.00pm Rick Stein's Spain. 1.00 Live Golf: The Women's British Open. Coverage of the fourth day at Royal Birkdale Golf Club. 5.20 Natural World: The Bat Man of Mexico.

6.20 **Flog It!**

7.20 **FILM: Shall We Dance? (2004).** A bored lawyer signs up for dancing classes, but has to keep the new hobby a secret from his suspicious wife. Romantic comedy, with Richard Gere.

9.00 **The Night Watch.** Drama set in 1940s London, with Anna Maxwell Martin.

10.30 **Mock the Week.** With Josh Widdicombe, Gary Delaney and Tiffany Stevenson.

11.00 **QI XL.** Extended edition. With Victoria Coren Mitchell, Sue Perkins and the Rev Richard Coles.

11.45 **Golf: Scottish Open.** Action from the fourth and final round at Royal Aberdeen.

12.45am **Sign Zone: Countryfile.** 1.45 Sign Zone: Holby City. 2.45 Match of the Day: FIFA World Cup Replay. 4.30 This Is BBC2.

ITV

6.00am CITV. 8.25 ITV News. 8.30 Weekend. 9.25 May the Best House Win. 10.20 Murder, She Wrote. 11.20 ITV News and Weather; Weather. 11.30 Love Your Garden. 12.25pm Long Lost Family. 1.30 **FILM: Columbo: Strange Bedfellows (1995).** Crime drama, starring Peter Falk and Rod Steiger. 3.30 Midsomer Murders. 5.30 ITV News Anglia; Weather. 5.45 **ITV News and Weather.**

6.00 **Catchphrase.**

7.00 **FIFA World Cup Live 2014.**

Coverage of the final at the Estádio do Maracana in Rio de Janeiro (Kick-off 8.00pm), where the successors to 2010 champions Spain are crowned. In the event of extra-time and penalties, subsequent programmes are subject to change.

10.30 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.

10.45 **The Greatest Footie Ads Ever.** Paddy McGuinness presents this one-off programme guiding viewers through 30 years of incredible, bizarre, spectacular and much-loved football commercials.

11.45 **The Cube.** A student and a Geordie mother take part.

12.40am **The Store.** 2.55 Motorsport UK. 3.45 ITV Nightscreen. 4.15 May the Best House Win. 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show.

CHANNEL 4

6.05am Ironman 2014. 7.00 Chomondeley Pageant of Power. 7.30 How I Met Your Mother. 7.55 Everybody Loves Raymond. 8.55 Frasier. 9.30 Sunday Brunch. 12.30pm George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. 1.30 The Big Bang Theory. The friends try to solve the mystery of Sheldon's post-lunch activities. 2.50 The Simpsons. 3.45 Deal or No Deal. 4.50 **FILM: St Trinian's (2007).** Comedy, starring Rupert Everett.

6.40 **Channel 4 News.**

7.00 **FILM: Titanic (1997).** A society girl falls in love with a penniless artist during the liner's ill-fated voyage. James Cameron's Oscar-winning romantic drama, starring Kate Winslet and Leonardo DiCaprio. Edited for language and nudity.

10.45 **FILM: The Running Man (1987).** A convict takes part in a brutal TV game show in which he is hunted by a series of gadget-wielding killers. Sci-fi action adventure, with Arnold Schwarzenegger and Richard Dawson.

12.40am **The Million Pound Drop.** 1.35 **FILM: A Prophet (2009).** French prison drama, starring Tahar Rahim. 4.05 Home Road Movies. 4.20 River Cottage Veg Heroes. 4.50 Beat My Build. 5.45 Deal or No Deal.

CHANNEL 5

6.00am Milkshake! 10.00 Access. 10.05 World's Scariest Near Misses. 10.55 Big Brother. 11.55 Police Interceptors. 12.55pm **FILM: See No Evil, Hear No Evil (1989).** Comedy, with Richard Pryor and Gene Wilder. 2.45 **FILM: Stand By Me (1986).** Coming-of-age drama, starring River Phoenix. 4.20 **FILM: Click (2006).** Comedy, starring Adam Sandler.

6.30 **Criminals: Caught on Camera.**

7.00 **Cricket on 5.** England v India.

7.55 **5 News Weekend.**

8.00 **The Boy They Call Fish.** The story of a Vietnamese teenager who has a rare condition that gives him scaly, fish-like skin, and his unlikely friendship with the Essex grandmother devoted to helping him.

9.00 **Big Brother.** Highlights.

10.00 **Webcam Girls: At Your Service.** Women who work in the online adult entertainment industry.

10.50 **FILM: Step Brothers (2008).** Comedy, with Will Ferrell and John C. Reilly.

12.45am **True Crimes: The First 72 Hours.** 1.15 SuperCasino. 3.10 Police Interceptors. 4.00 House Doctor. 4.25 Make It Big. 4.50 The Funky Valley Show. 5.00 Angels of Jarm. 5.10 Roary the Racing Car. 5.20 Angels of Jarm. 5.30 The Funky Valley Show. 5.40 Roary the Racing Car.

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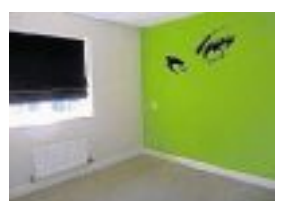


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PYMOOR

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6 bedrooms, bathroom, shower room, sitting room, kitchen/dining room, conservatory, study, cloakroom, utility room, oil fired central heating, double glazing, driveway and large gardens. EPC rating: D



£399,950



WELNEY

A delightful detached period cottage providing spacious four bedroom accommodation situated in a lovely rural setting.

Superb master bedroom with en suite, 3 further bedrooms, family bathroom, sitting room, family room, snug, kitchen/breakfast room, conservatory, cloakroom, utility room, oil fired central heating and 1/4 acre plot (STS). EPC rating: D



£389,950



ELY

An attractive detached four bedroom townhouse with stylish accommodation set within this tucked away location just of Witchford Road.

4 bedrooms, en suite shower room, cloakroom, bathroom, sitting room, kitchen/dining room, gas central heating, double glazing and south facing rear garden. EPC rating: D



£295,000

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SOHAM

A superb three bedroom detached bungalow on a generous plot, situated on the edge of Soham, benefiting from ample off-road parking.

3 bedrooms, family bathroom, entrance hall, lounge/dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, driveway, tandem garage, front and rear garden. EPC rating: D

£279,950



NEW



SUTTON

£172,500

A beautifully presented modern two bedroom home situated at the head of this popular residential development.

2 double bedrooms, bathroom, entrance hall, sitting/dining room, kitchen, cloakroom, double glazing, gas central heating and garage. EPC rating: C



SOHAM

£99,950

A spacious first floor one bedroom apartment situated in a non-estate location within a convenient distance of Soham's village centre.

1 double bedroom, bathroom, sitting room, kitchen, central heating, double glazing and allocated parking. EPC rating: D

NEW



MEPAL

A well presented detached three bedroom bungalow occupying a favourable position within this popular residential area.

3 bedrooms, sitting/dining room, conservatory, kitchen/breakfast room, en suite shower room, family bathroom, double glazing, gas central heating and garage. EPC rating: D

£234,950



NEW



SOLD STC

SUTTON

£146,500

A nicely presented terraced home with three bedrooms and established garden backing onto farmland.

3 bedrooms, bathroom, entrance hall, cloakroom, sitting room, kitchen/dining room, study, WC, double glazing, rear garden. EPC rating: E

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NEW

**CHITTERING**

An impressive six bedroom detached farm house placed at the end of a private, tree lined driveway in the village of Chittering, approximately 8 miles north of Cambridge and provides easy access to Waterbeach Station.

The property comprises of hallway, sitting room with feature fireplace, dining room with solid fuel stove and a large kitchen/family room with Range style cooker, washing machine, fridge, dishwasher and tumble drier. There are six bedrooms, the Master with dressing area and ensuite shower room, a family bathroom and groundfloor cloakroom. A double garage. Mature gardens. Water included. EPC rating: E.

£1950PCM*

NEW

**STRETHAM****£850PCM***

A spacious four bedroom detached family home situated in a quiet cul-de-sac located in the village of Stretham giving easy access to the A10.

The property comprises of a lounge, dining room, conservatory, kitchen, cloakroom, master bedroom, two double bedrooms, bedroom 4 with a built in single bed and family bathroom. Rear enclosed garden, driveway. Electric heating. EPC rating E

NEW

**LITTLE THETFORD****£750PCM***

A three bedroom chalet style bungalow situated in the quiet village of Little Thetford, within short walking distance to the local primary school and providing easy access to the A10.

The property comprises of: Entrance hall, Living room, open plan kitchen/diner, sun room. Ground floor family bathroom. Master bedroom with basin and WC. A further double and single bedroom. Rear enclosed garden. Two parking spaces to the rear. Oil central heating. EPC rating: E

NEW

**ELY****£725PCM***

A well presented three bedroom terraced house, in a ideal location for the City of Ely Community College and City Centre. Also convenient for the A10.

The property provides a lounge, dining room, kitchen, a ground floor WC, master bedroom with built-in wardrobes and ensuite shower room, two further bedrooms and a family bathroom. Gas central heating. Small front & enclosed rear garden. Parking. EPC rating C

NEW

**SOHAM****£700PCM***

A spacious and neutrally decorated three bedroom end terrace house in a quiet location close to local amenities in the popular town of Soham.

The property comprises of entrance hall, WC, lounge, newly fitted kitchen/diner, three bedrooms and family bathroom. Enclosed rear garden. Gas central heating. EPC rating D.

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SUTTON

A unique property offering lounge, dining room, breakfast room, kitchen, shower room, master bedroom with dressing room. 6 further bedrooms, bathroom, garage / workshop, gardens of 1/3 acre (stms). CHAIN FREE. EPC D



SOHAM

A delightful semi detached cottage on the edge of Soham. The property offers a lounge/dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, 2 double bedrooms, ground floor bathroom and utility room. Garage and 155' garden (stms), gas central heating and double glazing. CHAIN FREE. EPC TBC



LITTLEPORT

A superb property circa 1907 with many original features offering lounge, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, study, utility room, 5 bedrooms, box room, en-suite to master bedroom, family bathroom, garage, workshop, gardens and parking. EPC E



WATERBEACH

A delightful park home offering lounge, kitchen/diner, 2 bedrooms, shower room, gardens and parking. Chain free. EPC EXEMPT



SOHAM

A delightful detached home in Soham offering lounge, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, spacious bathroom, delightful gardens, garage, workshops, sheds, as well as driveway parking for 3/4 vehicles. CHAIN FREE. EPC D



SOHAM

A semi detached house located in the popular village of Soham offering lounge, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, family bathroom, fully enclosed rear garden and parking. EPC E



MRS C IS LOOKING FOR A TWO BEDROOM HOUSE IN ELY FUNDS OF £215,000. CAN YOU HELP!



LITTLE DOWNHAM

£450,000

A superb individually built home which has much to offer. Lounge, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, cloakroom, a stunning conservatory, 4 double bedrooms with en-suite bathroom to master, family bathroom, set in 1.9 acres (stms). A SHEER DELIGHT. EPC D



MRS G IS LOOKING FOR A PARK HOME IN LITTLEPORT OR WHITCHFORD FUNDS UPTO £75,000. CAN YOU HELP!



BURWELL

A delightful mid terrace house offering lounge, kitchen/diner, two bedrooms, walk in wardrobe, bathroom, fully enclosed rear garden, parking on drive. EPC TBC



PYMOOR

£445,000

A deceptively spacious chalet bungalow with out buildings and paddocks of approximately 4.5 acres (stms) EPC D



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GRADE II Listed building. Early viewing is advised for this three bedroom period property that offers lounge, kitchen/diner, downstairs cloakroom and en-suite to master bedroom. The property also benefits from enclosed rear garden and outbuildings. Call today to view. EPC E



SUTTON

A delightfully spacious maisonette offering lounge/diner, kitchen/breakfast room, double bedroom, bathroom, gardens and parking. CHAIN FREE. EPC C



CoverPROPERTY

Impressive country home

Sutton Gault: £429,950

- Contemporary kitchen
- Four bedrooms
- Formal garden
- Adjoining field
- £429,950



THIS impressive detached four bedroom country home in Sutton Gault is on the market with an asking price of £429,950. It has generously-proportioned accommodation including a principal sitting room with doors onto a timber deck, a dining room, a family room/library, a contemporary kitchen/breakfast room, two ground floor double bedrooms and a ground floor bathroom. Upstairs are two more bedrooms and another bathroom. Outside there is a thoughtfully planted formal garden, timber decking and an adjoining agricultural field of about 3.5 acres. To the front is a deep front garden including driveway with off-road parking for several vehicles, and a detached double garage.



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Soham £665 pcm

To Let



Top floor flat with two bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen and spacious lounge/dining room. The property benefits from gas heating and allocated parking space. Available 24/08/2014.

Soham £750 pcm

To Let



A three bedroom semi detached house situated within walking distance of St Andrews School with double glazing and gas radiator heating. The accommodation in brief comprises entrance hall, downstairs cloakroom, lounge, kitchen, three bedrooms and bathroom, front and rear gardens and garage. No smokers, No shares. No housing benefit. Tenant application fees apply.

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Soham £210,000

Reduced



Detached house situated in popular residential area in the town of Soham. The accommodation in brief comprises of entrance hall, cloakroom, kitchen/dining room, lounge, playroom, three bedrooms and a bathroom. The property benefits from double glazing, gas radiator heating and an enclosed rear garden. Viewing is strongly recommended. EPC: 18C.

Soham £116,500



A two bedroom first floor apartment benefiting from double glazing, electric heating and allocated parking. The accommodation comprises entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom. No Onward Chain. EPC Rating C.



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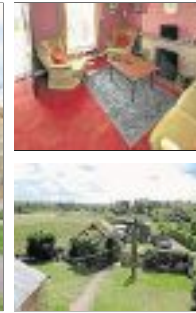
£284,950



- Individual detached house
- Non estate location
- 3 reception rooms
- Large kitchen/dining room
- Utility and conservatory
- 4 bedrooms
- En-suite and family bathroom
- EPC Rating D

LITTLE DOWNHAM

£295,000



- Rarely available detached
- house requiring updating
- Situated on 0.75 acre sts
- 3/4 bedrooms
- 2 reception room
- Kitchen and pantry
- Outbuildings and workshop
- EPC Rating F

LITTLEPORT

£79,950



- Purpose built ground floor apartment
- Bathroom
- Lounge
- Allocated parking
- Kitchen
- EPC Rating D



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£450,000



- Superb modern detached residence
- Non estate location
- 5 bedrooms
- 2 en-suites and family bathroom
- Kitchen and utility
- Lounge and dining room
- Double garage and parking
- Landscaped rear garden



LITTLEPORT

£139,950



- Modern semi detached bungalow
- Open aspect to rear
- 2 bedrooms
- Fitted kitchen
- Lounge/diner
- Conservatory
- Garage and garden
- EPC Rating D



WITCHFORD

£479,950



- Substantial family home
- 5 bedrooms
- Popular and non estate location
- 2 en-suites & family bathroom
- 4 reception rooms
- Double garage and garden
- Kitchen and utility
- EPC Rating D



LITTLEPORT

£475,000



- Quiet but central location
- 4 Bedroom detached
- 1 Bedroom spacious annexe
- Lounge with inglenook fireplace
- Kitchen diner
- Separate dining room
- Conservatory/Triple garage
- EPC Rating C



ELY

£259,950



- Established semi detached house
- Sought after cul-de-sac location
- 3 bedrooms
- Living/dining room
- Kitchen and conservatory
- Some updating required
- Attractive gardens
- EPC Rating E

LT THETFORD

£475,000



- Detached cottage style home
- Plot (approx. 0.66 acre STMS)
- Edge of this sort after village
- 4 Bedrooms & stylish bathroom
- Oak Garden room
- Kitchen/breakfast room
- Utility and Study
- EPC Rating E



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Guide Price £215,000 - £225,000

Don't Let This One Get Away!

EPC C

Ely

Beautifully presented throughout, this three bedroom end of terrace house will be incredibly sought after with its larger than average rear garden and garage directly to side. Ring for your viewing! Ref: 8871

- En-suite to master and walk-in wardrobe
- Separate lounge and dining room
- Ground floor cloakroom

- Larger than average rear garden
- Garage and driveway
- Beautiful presentation

Going - Going - Gone!



Guide Price

£250,000 - £260,000

Prickwillow

Peace And Quiet

EPC C

Individually designed three bedroom detached family home set close to the River Lark. Ideal for fishing, walking and bird watching. The hub of the home for our sellers is most definitely the kitchen/diner which could also be adapted to incorporate a family area. This property offers spacious accommodation upstairs and down! Ref: 8835

Modern and individual-view now!



Guide Price

£210,000 - £220,000

Soham

Something A Little Different

EPC C

The Lodge is a semi detached barn conversion set behind a walled entrance, and has three good size bedrooms and fabulous wood burning stove to lounge. Our sellers had a hand in the internal design so the lounge/diner is open plan with the kitchen. The bedrooms are set away from the living area so those wanting an early night are not disturbed by any TV noise from the lounge. Ref: 8973

Have a look!



Guide Price

£135,000 - £145,000

Littleport

Come And See!

EPC D

My sellers needed a family home and as soon as they saw the garden they knew this was the house for them! They have been renovating over the last couple of years the new owners will enjoy their efforts immensely ... The lounge is now open to the kitchen and the bathroom has been moved downstairs to utilises previously wasted space and create a 3rd bedroom upstairs. Ref: 9060

Something For Everyone



Guide Price

£220,000 - £230,000

Littleport

Make Sure You Book Your Viewing!

EPC C

Lots of space, naturally light rooms and a fabulously sized rear garden are just some of the benefits on offer within this family friendly three bedroom link detached house. The garden was a major factor in our seller buying this property and also that it was not too hemmed in by other properties. The layout is very family orientated with both the kitchen/diner and lounge being light and airy and offering a good amount of space. The property is being sold with no forward chain. Ref: 8989

The Good Life!



Guide Price

£215,000 - £225,000

Fantastic Ely City Location

EPC C

Ely

A fantastic house in a lovely location this three bedroom home will not be available for long ... the garage and off street parking to the side and the attractive double fronted aspect mean this house oozes kerb appeal. Ref: 9019

- Dual aspect lounge
- Double fronted
- Three bedrooms

- Garage and off street parking
- West Ely location
- Chain free

Fantastic family home-view now!



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Guide Price £235,000 - £245,000

Chain Free! EPC B

Littleport

Our sellers simply could not resist this property as it was one of the few built with the extended style kitchen. Beautifully presented both inside and out, this is an ideal family home. This property is a real gem and we are confident that the first viewers through the door will buy. Call now to book your appointment! Ref: 9059

- Detached house
- Four bedrooms
- En suite to master
- Beautiful garden
- Garage and driveway
- Chain free

Open house Saturday 12th July between 1.00pm and 2.00pm



A Rare Opportunity! £575,000

Wilburton EPC E

This former farmhouse and barn has certainly evolved over the years into the delightful period cottage that now exists. Oozing with charm and character, this property will certainly wow the viewer as they wander from room to room. Ref: 8649

- Three double bedrooms
- Three reception rooms
- Wood burning stoves
- En suite to master
- Workshop & off road parking
- Period features

Far From The Ordinary



Guide Price £370,000 - £380,000

What You Have Been Waiting For! EPC C

Soham

Our sellers couldn't believe their luck when they found this four bedroom detached property because of the space and versatility on offer within, plus the good size garden and double garage outside. They have lived happily in the property since it was built in 1991 and spent the majority of their time in the 26ft. lounge which stretches from the front of the property to the back and overlooks the garden! Ref: 9004

- Four double bedrooms
- Three reception rooms
- En suite to master
- Good size rear garden
- Double garage & ample parking
- Fitted wardrobes to all bedrooms

Family In Mind



Guide Price £195,000 - £205,000

Light And Bright! EPC TBC

Mepal

My sellers have owned this house from new and loved the fact their children could just cross the road to go to school in their younger years. Three bedrooms and lovely light and airy living space - a great family home. Ref: 8566

- Three bedrooms
- Dual aspect lounge
- Conservatory
- En-suite to master bedroom
- Enclosed garden to rear
- Chain free

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UNRIVALLED COVERAGE AROUND ELY



NEW



Ely

£425,000

Situated in a prestigious city location with easy access to the city amenities, railway station, riverside walks & Kings School, this charming house has much appeal, character & enormous potential. Lounge, dining room, kitchen, study / bedroom, rear lobby, cloakroom, shower room, 3 first floor bedrooms (2 interconnecting), bathroom, small garage & small courtyard garden. EPR E.



NEW



Haddenham

£250,000

A 3 bedroom character cottage which has been recently refurbished and renovated by the current owners situated in the heart of this popular village. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, cloakroom, 3 bedrooms (master with ensuite), family bathroom, courtyard garden and off road parking. EPR C.



NEW PRICE



Sutton

£550,000

An impressive detached family home offering extensive family accommodation, built to a high specification approximately 20 years ago. Entrance porch, entrance hall, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, sitting room, separate dining room, family room, garden room, 5 bedrooms (master with ensuite and dressing room) further ensuite, family bathroom, triple garage, extensive parking & mature gardens. EPR D.



NEW PRICE



Stretham

£450,000

A highly individual split level detached bungalow, circa 1995, set up a private drive in a secluded setting in a central village location with easy access to the many village amenities. Accommodation comprises entrance hallway, lounge, separate dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, 4 bedrooms (master with ensuite), family bathroom, 2 cloakrooms, double garage and gardens. EPR E.

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NEW PRICE

Ely

£304,950

A detached bungalow situated in an established City location with accommodation comprising entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen/dining room, conservatory, 3 bedrooms (master with ensuite and dressing area), bathroom, single garage, parking and gardens. The property also benefits from gas central heating and double glazing. Available immediately with no upward chain. EPR E.

NEW

Littleport

£350,000

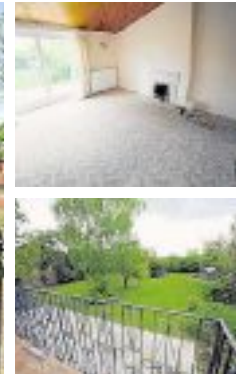
A modern detached family residence set in a well regarded cul de sac location on the edge of the village with views over open farmland. Entrance hall, kitchen, utility room, lounge, separate dining room, study, downstairs cloakroom, 5 bedrooms (master with ensuite shower room), family bathroom, family shower room, detached double garage, driveway, parking & gardens to front and rear. No upward chain. EPR TBC.

NEW

Ely

£345,000

Situated in a central City location allowing easy access to the City amenities, this established detached chalet home offers versatile living accommodation on a mature plot. Entrance hall, study/bedroom 3, dining room/bedroom 3, lounge, conservatory, kitchen/breakfast room, ground floor shower room, 2 ff bedrooms & bathroom, single garage & gardens. EPR E.

NEW PRICE

Aldreth

£399,950

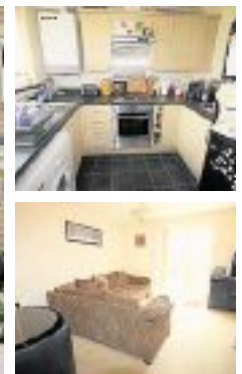
A highly individual detached family home offering versatile family living accommodation situated on a mature plot backing onto fenland. Porch, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, dining room, study, lounge, 4/5 bedrooms (1 being ensuite), bathroom, double garage & mature south facing garden. No upward chain. EPR D.

NEW PRICE

Sutton

£265,000

A spacious detached bungalow situated on a mature generous plot. The versatile family accommodation includes entrance hallway, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, lounge, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, single garage, car port and gardens. The property also benefits from double glazing. EPR E.

NEW

Ely

£184,950

A modern 2 bedroom end of terrace home situated on a highly regarded modern development overlooking green space to the front aspect. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hallway, cloakroom, lounge, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, garden, single garage and parking. The property also benefits from gas central heating and double glazing. EPR B.

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UNRIVALLED COVERAGE AROUND ELY

NEW



Haddenham

£275,000

17th century barn with detailed planning for conversion into a spacious 4 bedroom detached property.

NEW



Prickwillow

£75,000

Rare opportunity to acquire a building plot with planning for a 4 bedroom link detached home. Popular village

NEW PRICE



Littleport

£229,950

A detached 3 bedroom bungalow set in a non estate position convenient for the village centre. EPR D.



Wicken

Guide Price £295,000

A central detached 2 bedroom character cottage offering versatile living accommodation. EPR E.



Stretham

£350,000

An impressive brand new barn style detached property offering stylish & versatile living. EPR TBC.

NEW



Littleport

£244,950

a 4 BEDROOM (2 ensuite) 3 storey end of terrace townhouse with no upward chain. EPR C.

NEW



Littleport

£136,950

A well presented 2 bedroom property situated near to the Town Centre in this well served village. EPR E.



Littleport

£178,000

Established 3 bedroom semi-detached property, enclosed garden, garage & parking. No chain. EPR D.



Ely

£210,000

A 2 bedroom end of terrace bungalow in a convenient location in the popular town of Ely. EPR D.



Ely

£459,950

An established 3 bedroom detached home situated in a highly regarded central City location. EPR E.



Soham

£144,950

A superbly presented 2 bedroom coach house situated on a highly regarded development. No chain. EPR C.



Haddenham

£375,000

Extended 4 bedroom detached established family home set in a popular village location. No chain. EPR TBC.

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Ely **£625 pcm**
Modern first floor 2 bedroom flat on a popular development to the north of the City centre. EPC:B



Soham **£650 pcm**
Modern well presented 2 bedroom terraced property with gardens, gas heating and allocated parking. EPC:B



NEW
Little Downham **£650 pcm**
A modern 2 bedroom semi detached property with gas heating, garden and double length carport. EPC:B



Ely **£675 pcm**
Modern first floor 2 bedroom apartment in a sought after location with gas heating. EPC:B



NEW
Littleport **£750 pcm**
A newly redecorated detached 2 bedroom bungalow with gas heating, garden, garage and ample parking.



Soham **£750 pcm**
3 bedroom terraced house situated on a modern development with enclosed garden and parking. EPC:B



NEW
Ely **£795 pcm**
Modern 3 bedroom end of terrace townhouse with gas heating, garden to rear and garage. EPC:C



Ely **£900 pcm**
Semi detached 3 bedroom house with gas central heating, enclosed garden, garage and parking. EPC:D



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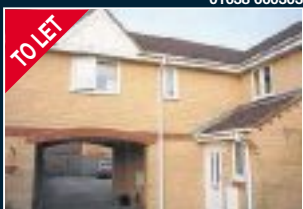


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SOHAM £750

Modern 3 bed semi having been redecorated throughout. Living room, kitchen/Diner, bathroom, gas radiator heating, enclosed garden. EPC D ().



SOHAM £520

A bright modern one bedroom house together will allocated parking, kitchen, living room and bathroom. EPC rating D. ()



Soham £620

End of terrace courtyard style residence with 2 bedrooms, lounge/ diner, kitchen, cloakroom, bathroom, enclosed garden. Available early Sept. EPC C. ()



SOHAM £665

Delightful 2 bedroom apartment with living room, kitchen and bathroom, gas central heating, parking, open views. EPC C.

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Reach £239,995

An extended three bedroom semi detached family home in a quite stunning location with views over open farmland to the rear. EPC C



Newmarket £155,000

A semi rural three bedroom cottage with an EPC D rating located between Newmarket and Snailwell with a good size lounge/diner, kitchen and first floor bathroom. The property offers tremendous scope for further improvement and is well worth an internal inspection.



Red Lodge £139,995

A two bedroom semi detached bungalow situated in a quiet cul de sac within an established residential development at the edge of the up and coming village of Red Lodge. EPC E



Freckenham £445,000

A quite fabulous five bedroom executive detached bungalow in a non estate location within the popular village of Freckenham. The property offers incredibly versatile accommodation and also boasts an enormous garage/workshop.

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Ely: £900,000

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room and laundry room. On the first floor there is a master bedroom with en suite, and three more bedrooms, a family bathroom and a shower room. The second floor has a further study/bedroom, a television room and a games room. Outside there is a garage, driveway parking and landscaped gardens.

Viewing is by arrangement through Cheffins on (01353) 654900.



Witchford: £479,950



THIS modern detached five family home in Main Street, Witchford, is on the market now with an asking price of £479,950. It has generously-proportioned accommodation including an entrance hall, downstairs cloakroom, family room/gym, study/office, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, living room with fireplace and a dual aspect dining/garden room. Upstairs there are five bedrooms, including two with en suite showers, and a family bathroom. The rear garden has raised deck and extensive terrace. To the front of the property is a gravel drive with parking, a detached double garage and lawn.

For further information contact David Clark & Company on (01353) 665020.



Stretham: £595pcm



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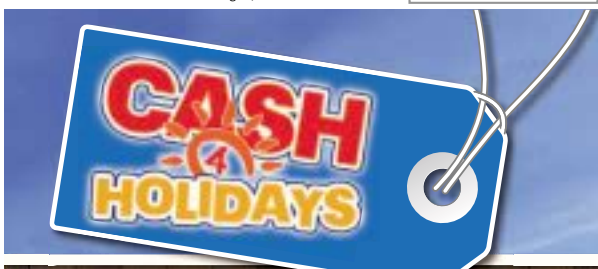
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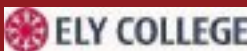
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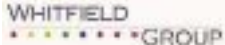
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> Netball



All smiles: City of Ely Netball Club junior players at their end-of-season presentation ceremony.

Juniors celebrate impressive season

CITY of Ely Netball Club juniors marked the end of their second season with a presentation ceremony to celebrate their achievements.

Throughout the year the club have played in league, friendly and tournament netball at both under-14 and under-16 level.

The club's coaches are looking to build the squads for next season and increase the opportunities to play matches. As awards were handed out

during the presentation, under-16 Sarah McLaughlin received the most notable accolade as she was voted players' player of the year.

> Cricket

Ely rip up form book to defeat Godolphin

MARK Deas and Richard Vincett did the damage with the ball as City of Ely caused a major upset with an eight-wicket win over Godolphin in Mr Cricket CCA Senior League, Division Two.

The bottom side had only won one of their five completed fixtures, but Deas took 4 for 29 and Vincett netted 4 for 28 as their promotion-chasing opponents were removed for a mere 98.

Irshad Muhammad and Jafer Rai did strike early on to put Ely two down in their reply, but

captain Tom Beaumont (31 not out) and Josh Siver (44 not out) saw the task through as they eased to 99 for 2.

"It was a wet wicket, which I'm sure didn't help them, but I thought we were very impressive with the ball," said Beaumont.

"When you bowl a team out for 98 you always expect to get them because there's no pressure on you to score the runs quickly. I thought we did a professional job."

Chatteris' Connor Cunningham hit 46 and their cause was helped by 38 extras as they

defeated bottom side Hardwick & Caldecote by three wickets in Division One.

Ben Clilverd took 4 for 32 and captain Steven Smith nabbed 3 for 49, but Hardwick were made to pay for a host of no balls, wides and leg byes as the visitors reached 156 for 7.

Earlier, Hardwick had put 155 for 9 on the board, with Josh Jordan's 32 making him the most productive with the bat.

Anthony Palmer removed top and lower-order batsmen to finish with 4 for 35.

> Athletics

Golden girl Rebecca enjoys 800m victory

KING'S Ely Junior's golden girl Rebecca Daniel made history with another superb display in the National Prep Schools Athletics Championships in Birmingham.

Daniel became the first King's Ely athlete to win gold medals in successive years at the event by winning the 800m.

The talented youngster, pictured, was in superb form and gradually reeled in the girls ahead of her to win comfortably with a personal-best time of 2min 20.67sec.

Richard Powell, head of athletics at the school, said: "This is a tremendous



achievement by Rebecca, who has shown great dedication over the past two years.

"If she continues with athletics and maintains her current determined approach, she will certainly achieve many more successes in the

future. She has been a joy to watch as she has progressed during her time in King's Ely Junior." Ben Marshall and Billy McGrath, both Year 6 pupils, also competed at the national event.

McGrath finished a very creditable eighth in the discus and Marshall recorded a personal-best performance in the hurdles.

> Motorsport

Bryony meets stars at launch

ELY karter Bryony King was a special guest at the British Grand Prix as the Formula Kart Stars Championship was launched at Silverstone.

King, 15, will be taking part when the championship officially gets under way next year, and she was on hand to meet with drivers Lewis Hamilton, Daniel Ricciardo, Felipe Massa and Susie Wolff as well as Formula One supremo Bernie Ecclestone as part of the series launch.

Formula Kart Stars is the only national junior karting series backed by Formula One Management and supported by F1 driver development teams.

There will be 12 rounds held over six weekends, scheduled to fit at least half in during the summer holidays, to be staged across some of the country's top karting circuits.

King, who is currently leading the Kimbolton Mini Max Championship, said: "It's been an amazing



Hero: Bryony King with Lewis Hamilton and fellow Formula Kart Stars entrant Caden McQueen.

Picture: Russell Batchelor (www.xpbimages.com)

weekend, launching the new championship. It was unbelievable to be able to walk around the F1 paddock, meet the teams and drivers.

"I also got to talk with Susie Wolff in the Williams pit as we watched the start of the Grand Prix. She's a great inspiration to me so it meant a lot when she gave me her email address to keep in touch."

> Cycling

Eley so close to podium spot

MATT Eley missed out on a podium place by just a second at the Norwich ABC 10 on Saturday.

Eley, along with fellow Ely & District/JT Cycles riders Glen Clark and Colin and Celia Whitechurch, travelled to Wortwell to take part in the event held on the

B10/43, Harleston-Bungay course.

Eley posted a time of 22min 40sec to finish fourth out of 58 starters.

Other times for Ely riders were: Glen Clark 25.15, Colin Whitechurch 26.39, Celia Whitechurch 31.37 (second place in the ladies' section).

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